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A curtain call for actors from the first of two nights of plays that were written, staged, and performed in a frantic 24 hours.

Photo by Ross Mulhausen.

For more on the Double Shot Theatre Festival, turn to page 10.

Amazing

Every May, around 600 amazing-stories-in-progress dress up in long black gowns and square hats, march through campus, are awarded sheepskins, and go out into the world to live out their tales of adventure. Here's just one of them.

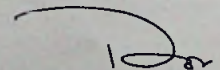
The daughter of a Puget Sound faculty member, she had always felt at home on a college campus. She had been a talented local high school student who discovered an interest in public affairs early in life. She went off to study at Princeton University. A dream. Just one year away from graduation, the unthinkable happened. She was struck with a life-threatening disease. To call this turn of events a tremendous disappointment would be an understatement.

Forced to withdraw from Princeton, she took the long trip back home to Tacoma to receive the medical treatment she desperately needed. Once here, she discovered that she had come home in more ways than one. She had grown up attending events, and lectures, and concerts on campus, and seen her life shaped by what she had learned here. She had taken her first trip abroad, accompanying (when she was only 11 years old) 30 Puget Sound undergraduates and her father, who was the faculty member/guide, on a trek through Italy and eastern Europe. As a high school student, she had taken college classes at Puget Sound and become friends with some of the faculty. And after her three years at Princeton, she was especially impressed by their unfailing commitment to students and to the life of the mind.

Now, healthy once more, she made an important decision. She would not return to Princeton. Rather, she would stay right here and graduate from the University of Puget Sound. A family friend, history Professor Walter Lowrie, encouraged her to entertain the unthinkable once more: this time, to apply for the highly competitive Rhodes Scholarship to study international relations at Oxford. She never imagined herself a Rhodes Scholar. And she is convinced she never would have applied for a Rhodes if she had been at Princeton. At Puget Sound, she did.

Cut to the chase: she was the only person from the state of Washington selected for a Rhodes that year. That was in 1987. She went to Oxford, and it changed her life and set her on the path that would lead her to a think tank at Stanford, writing on the human right to self-defense; to working with the United Nations on the most intractable of international crises; to living in dangerous places like the Gaza Strip, Bosnia, and Jerusalem so that people living there might dream of living in peace. It would lead her ultimately to a leadership role at the International Peace Academy, where she continues to work directly with world leaders to resolve seemingly irreconcilable political conflicts around the globe. She still thinks about—and acts upon—the unthinkable.

This year she put on her black gown again, her square hat, and delivered perhaps the best commencement address I have ever heard. Quoting John Stewart and Donald Rumsfeld, she told three amazing stories about war and peace and their relationship to knowledge—one about reading novels to reconcile conflict in Haiti, another about redesigning license plates to bring peace to Bosnia, and a third about the costs of mistaking modern-day Iraq for 1940s Germany. Amazing. She got another sheepskin from Puget Sound this May, too, this one an honorary doctorate in humane letters. Elizabeth Cousens' story is amazing. It is the story of war and peace. And it is our story. And there are 600 more of them. Every May. I can't wait to read the next 600 chapters.



Ronald R. Thomas

Elizabeth Cousens' commencement address appears in its entirety, beginning on page 5.

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Watada talk should have counterpoint

The spring *Arches* contained an article about Ehren Watada which I find very offensive, personally. I strongly support the Bill of Rights. However, I also believe that when an individual makes a contractual obligation to serve his or her country, that obligation must be fulfilled.

I graduated from UPS during the time of the Vietnam War and unfortunately know of classmates, fraternity brothers, and friends who were either killed or injured fighting that conflict.

Arches is obligated to publish various views as expressed. I hope that an equal opportunity will be provided a member in good standing from our U.S. Armed Forces.

Steven J. White '68

Medina, Washington

Arches missed a perfect opportunity to provide a relevant contrast to the actions of Lt. Watada. For many years UPS had an active ROTC program. Thousands of UPS alumni have graduated and went on to be officers in the U.S. military. Unlike Lt. Watada, the UPS graduates well and faithfully executed the duties of their office by serving their country and fulfilling the oath they voluntarily took upon being commissioned. Perhaps a future article on these fellow alumni would help provide some real-world perspective to what Lt. Watada so easily comments on.

Bill Pelster '88

Lakewood, Washington

The memorable Professor Barnett

I had a lot of great instructors at Puget Sound, even for classes in which I didn't do particularly well, but it's Professor Barnett I quote the most often, by telling the following story:

When I was a sophomore in her History of Modern Japan class, Professor Barnett said to this class of 19- to 21-year-olds, "I turned to my husband on my 50th birthday and said, 'Redmond, I thought growing up would be easier than this, and I thought I'd

be done with it by now.'"

There's no way I could have known until years afterward that it was the most valuable thing I learned all semester.

Samantha Kahn '90

Hayward, California

Did Japanese-American students return to UPS?

The article "Thoughts on War, and Innocents Bearing Blame" [spring 2006] affected me strongly. The campus cherry trees mentioned are probably in bloom again. I have finally gotten the strength to write and ask if anyone knows what became of any of the 30 students who touchingly planted the trees for their friends at UPS and delivered their final message as they went off to internment camps, with Shigeo Wakamatsu as their spokesman: "Each spring you will watch the cherry trees bloom and grow. It has been our only tangible contribution to the college. It is our earnest prayer that our friendship will continue to grow. At this time, we say, not goodbye, but until we meet again."

Did any of them return to UPS? Does Takanori Asai, who spoke of this in 2005 at UPS as the Miki Scholar, know how any of these people fared? Did Alma Balahadia, who wrote of them in her 1992 thesis, know?

I have always loved the cherry trees and the paper cranes when we came for Spring Family Weekend, and, last year, after that article, they meant so much more.

Anne Connell P'07

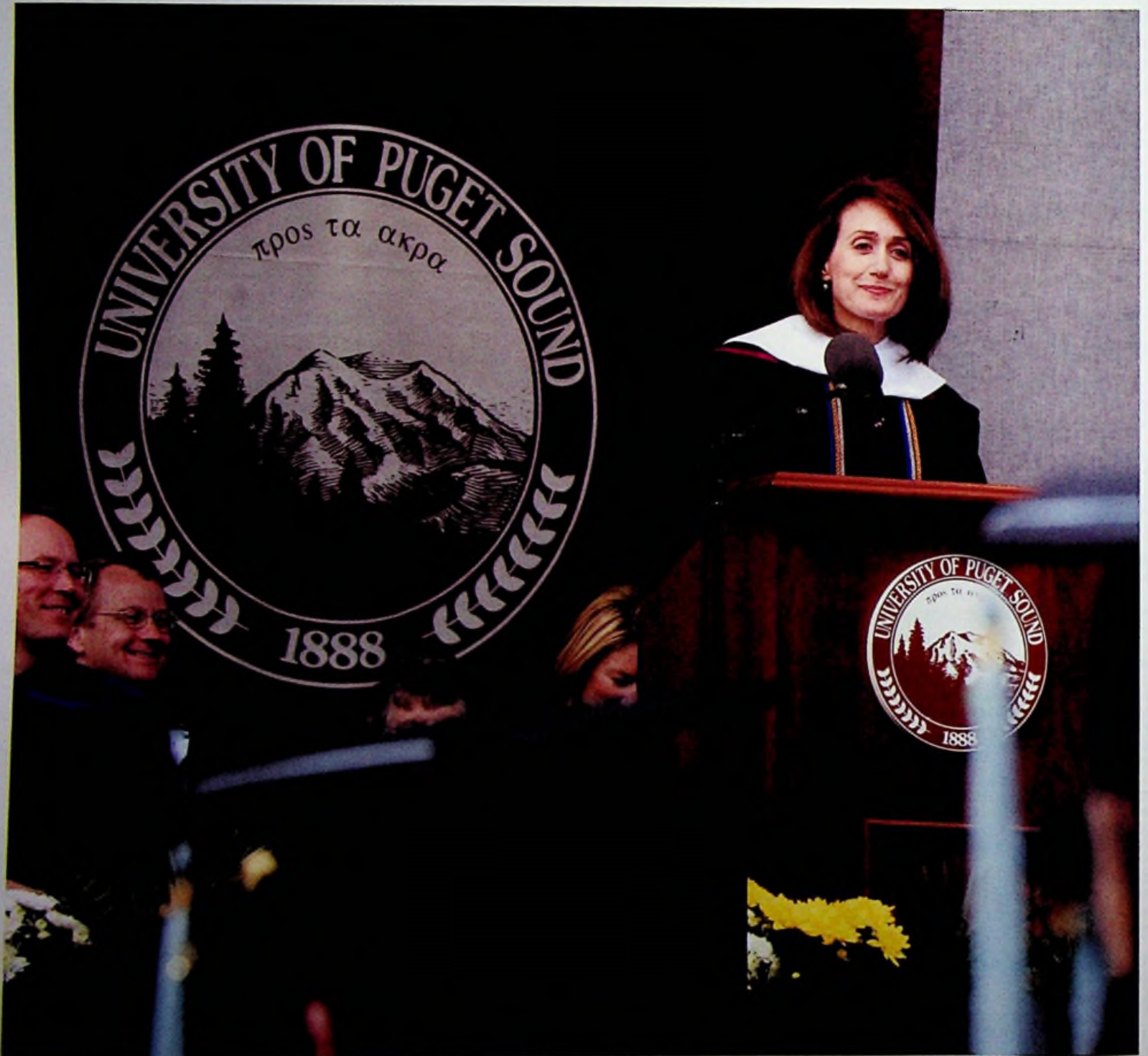
Los Altos Hills, California

Alumni records do not indicate what happened to these students nor whether any returned to Puget Sound after the war. However, university Director of Multicultural Student Services Yoshiiko Matsui will be researching this topic during the summer, and we will report her findings next spring. — ed.

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News, trends, history, and phenomena from the campus



in their own words

Close encounters between knowledge and power

In her commencement address, three tales of war and peace from Elizabeth Cousens '87

Let me start with a confession. When I was sitting where you are, at that time planning to head to Oxford University for graduate school, I didn't begin to know what I wanted to do with my life. I knew what I was interested in—politics, negotiation, the interplay between values and interests. I knew what grabbed me—anything international. And I knew a few things that made me angry—willful ignorance, hypocrisy, cruelty. I also knew that I had been fortunate enough to receive an exceptional education, and that it would somehow inform the choices I would make, but I wasn't at all sure how.

Twenty years ago, we were also at what would soon become clear were the dwindling days of the Cold War, although we didn't know it at the time. (Remember the Cold War?) People are now rather distressingly nostalgic about its stability, but it was an era with its own contradictions, its own uneasy reconciliation between principle and power, its own demonstrations of courage alongside bad faith, its own perils, its own possibilities.

So, knowledge and power. I'd like to tell you three short stories from my own experience:

Story 1: Local knowledge, or why a school in Cap Haitien once flew a Pakistani flag

The first story I want to tell is about local knowledge, about place and context, and about cultivating respect for difference, as well as finding common bonds where you least expect them.

There are far too many stories in international politics about actions taken in the absence of local knowledge, either willfully—because people don't think it matters—thoughtfully, because of a legitimate view that particularity is less relevant than universality—or inadvertently—because people and institutions are not very well suited to gathering local knowledge, let alone acting on it.

First, a quick aside about Iraq. When early planning documents for Iraq reconstruction were made public, they initially included a somewhat mystifying reference to Germany. Well, it appears that someone dusted off the plans for reconstructing Germany in 1945 to use in Iraq in 2003 ... but they forgot to do a global "search-and-replace," and not just in the section on de-Baathification.

"Global search and replace"—not a bad metaphor for rather too many things these days.

Now, part of the reason that anyone would even *think* that what

worked in Germany in 1945 might have a prayer of working in Iraq four years ago has undoubtedly to do with politics, and no small amount of wishful thinking. But it also has something to do with a limitation of political institutions that are not nearly as well suited as they should be to learning about different places and people.

In fact more than a few people in the front lines of various peace processes around the world will tell you that, alongside the diplomats and the peacekeepers, we would be well served by having cadres of anthropologists, linguists, and historians on whom to draw for insight—along with, not least, an open mind about the places in which we engage.

The story I want to tell here is about local knowledge in an unlikely context, and it's about a battalion of Pakistani peacekeepers in Northern Haiti in the mid-1990s under the command of a lieutenant colonel named Niaz Khattak.

Their job was to provide "a safe and secure environment" for elections and the restoration of law and constitutional order. But how would they do it? Some peacekeepers in other parts of Haiti did it by patrolling the country in four-car convoys of "thick-skinned" vehicles and not talking to any Haitians. But Col. Khattak had a different idea.

I first met Col. Khattak during Ramadan in 1996 in the coastal town of Cap Haitien. I had my own preconceptions and imagined that there was probably little common ground between Urdu-speaking soldiers from a Muslim country, and Creole-speaking fishermen and farmers who worshipped in a syncretic mix of Catholicism and voodoo. I expected that this might be one of those cases where the U.N. had fielded troops not particularly well suited to their environment, with all the problems that can ensue.

Instead, I encountered one of the more inspiring examples of practical ingenuity in a conflict that I've ever seen.

Col. Khattak, interestingly, had prepared himself for Haiti by reading history and just about every novel about Haiti and the Caribbean that he could get his hands on. His bookshelf had, alongside U.N. documents, Edwidge Danticat, Amy Wilentz, among others. He said this had given him more insight into Haiti than any of his official briefing books. He also went out of his way to talk to people. He went to community meetings, he spoke to people on the radio, and he found every possible way simply to listen and to pay attention.

The result? Col. Khattak was able to build trusted relationships with community leaders, the likes of which few peacekeepers are ever able to achieve. He routinely helped resolve disputes and defuse conflicts. And his soldiers were spending most of their off-hours on community development—fixing schools, building roads, repairing reefs. As he described it, the only way genuinely to provide "safety and security" was to figure out the source of people's frustrations and try to solve problems before they erupted in violence.

Col. Khattak also described a commonality between his troops and the fishermen and farmers of Cap Haitien, despite the Urdu-Creole gap: they were basically all poor, used to working hard to produce food for their families, not strangers to injustice and, ultimately, reliant on social networks and solidarity to get by.

The moral of this story: do your cultural homework, learn from non-usual sources, and be open to finding common ground where you least expect it.

SMILES The Northwest is usually generous with clouds and showers in May, but the sun smiled on the 698 members of the Class of 2007. And Cousens drew smiles of her own when she managed to quote both Donald Rumsfeld and Jon Stewart in the same speech.

Story 2: Knowledge abused, or how a license plate helped liberate Bosnia

The second story is about Bosnia, how a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing, and why sometimes less information is more.

First, a quick recap of the history. Remember that Bosnia used to be part of Yugoslavia, and that the war started in 1992 as a fight between the three main ethnic groups—Croats, Serbs, and Bosniacs—about who would control Bosnia. Croats had their own newly independent country—Croatia—Serbs had their own quasi-country—Serbia—but both also had designs on parts or all of Bosnia, and so did the Muslim Bosniacs, who made up 43 percent of the population.

Each side wanted to control territory that was usually inhabited by one or both of the other groups, and one of the main ways they waged war was to intimidate, terrorize, displace, or kill civilians to “cleanse” areas of any but their own ethnic group.

This was the war that made the term “ethnic cleansing” a household word.

Expect a lot from the people you put in office, especially that they give you good reasons for the decisions they make on your behalf.

After the war ended, the map was still messy. There were refugees spread throughout Europe, internally displaced people sometimes mere miles from their former homes, and the displacement continued even after the hostilities supposedly stopped.

Everyone talked about “freedom of movement,” but people weren’t free to move at all. One of the main reasons? Everyone, and every car, had an ethnic license plate: Serbs, Croats, and Bosniacs each had plates with different markings and, in the Serbs’ case, a different alphabet. The minute you got into a car, your ethnicity was known, and every car became literally a moving target for gangs, militias, and the authorities.

Meanwhile, thousands of international personnel moved around freely, with their white four-by-fours and their international plates. Which gave a young New Zealander working for the U.N. an idea: Why couldn’t *Bosnians* have non-denominational plates so that people could travel throughout the country without broadcasting their ethnic identity?

Needless to say, this was not exactly popular, with nationalist groups in particular, who had an interest in controlling where people moved and keeping communities divided. It also wasn’t popular in the beginning with NATO, which worried that uncontrolled population movement would be, well, uncontrolled.

But after nearly two years, incredible persistence, and no small amount of devious diplomacy, Bosnians got new license plates—no ethnic symbols, letters common to both Cyrillic and Latin alphabets, and random distribution throughout the population.

Within days, population movement across all the mini-borders throughout Bosnia—the split villages, the divided towns, the zones of separation—skyrocketed. People were able to visit the homes

from which they’d been driven, often for the first time. And while the new plates didn’t solve every problem in the country, they certainly did solve some.

The moral of this story: Knowledge can be used to divide, intimidate, and control, but its abuse can be countered with imagination, persistence, and some good subversive instincts.

Story 3: When knowledge isn’t enough, or when what you don’t know can hurt you

Of course, many of the most important questions in public life are not knowable in any conclusive sense. A perfect example is the debate about what to do in Iraq—should we stay or should we go? If we go, what will happen? If we stay, what should we do?

Even in the best of circumstances, knowledge is destined to be incomplete. In politically charged contexts, what knowledge we have is often ignored.

Now this may surprise you, but here I want to quote Donald Rumsfeld. (Remember Donald Rumsfeld?) *Slate* magazine called Mr. Rumsfeld a poet, but I prefer to think of him more as a philosopher.

“As we know, there are known knowns. There are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns. That is to say, we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns, the ones we don’t know we don’t know.”

Rumsfeld’s disquisition about knowing was actually quite wise. *If*, that is, you are clear on which is which and act accordingly.

Because, of course, despite all the limitations of knowledge, there are often areas where a great deal actually *is* known, even agreed, but policy marches ahead in steadfast defiance of it.

Let’s return to Iraq. In late 2001, nearly two years before the war, the U.S. State Department launched something called the Future of Iraq Project. Dozens of analysts, practitioners, and regional experts were part of this ambitious effort to prepare for postwar contingencies and develop options to ensure a stable postwar Iraq. What was the result—two years, 17 working groups, 13 volumes, and 2,000 pages later? The cutting room floor. None of the ideas, advice, or recommendations were heeded. Apparently some thought that all that was really needed were good catchers for all those flowers that would be thrown to us in gratitude.

Sometimes even when you try to speak truth to power, power just won’t listen.

Well, you’ll be relieved to learn that there are now steps being taken to fix this kind of oversight. The CIA, FBI, and other intelligence agencies have just started a new training program for recruits. It’s called—wait for it now—Analysis 101. But don’t worry. It’s four whole weeks, so that should cover it.

Only two more words are really needed to illustrate this problem of policy that defies evidence: climate change. How much more certainty is needed before those with the capacity to act actually will?

So the moral of this story: vote. Expect a lot from the people you put in office, especially that they give you good reasons for the decisions they make on your behalf.



FAMILY TIES Elizabeth Cousens is the daughter of much revered Professor of English Frank Cousens, who taught at Puget Sound from 1970 until 1998, and his wife Sandy '79. As Elizabeth stood to give her speech, dad dressed daughter in the hood of an honorary doctor of humane letters.

Conclusion

I am, of course, at risk of giving a *speech* in defiance of advice, in this case from every well-meaning friend who learned that I would be speaking today. By and large, they all told me that the main thing I needed to do was keep it light and, if I was really smart, quote Jon Stewart.

Well, I do want to quote Jon Stewart, but not about the Mess O'Potamia. A few years ago, he gave the commencement address at William and Mary, his own alma mater, and said this:

"Let's talk about the real world for a moment. I don't really know how to put this, so I'll be blunt. We broke it. Please don't be mad. I know we were supposed to bequeath to the next generation a world better than the one we were handed. So, sorry. I don't know if you've been following the news lately, but it just kinda got away from us. Somewhere between the gold rush of easy Internet profits and an arrogant sense of endless empire, we heard kind of a pinging noise, and, uh, then the damn thing just died on us."

Now, my Russian friends tell me that they have a saying about the difference between a pessimist and an optimist. The pessimist is the person who wrings his hands, looks to the skies and says, "It can't get any worse." And the optimist is the person who looks to the skies, brightens up, and says, "Oh, yes it can!"

Today, we are probably facing greater collective challenges than ever before—climate change, infectious disease, terrorism and other forms of violence, widening gaps between rich and poor.

Never have challenges of collective action been greater, not least because people experience vulnerability so differently. If you are a 58-year-old man in Russia, you have hit your life expectancy. In the U.S., you can look to 73. If you are a girl in Niger you have a 9.7 percent chance of being literate, compared to 99.9 percent in Sweden.

Cooperation seems more elusive than ever, with the rise of ide-

ologies and fundamental contestation not just about values but also about information and knowledge and the basis for judgment about public action.

As an American, I am troubled most by a further trend to separate evidence from decisions, to make decisions without explanation, and to see consequences unfold without accountability.

But we are also living at a time when the world is perhaps more open to historical possibility than ever before. Those forces of globalization that create concern are also pathways for transmission of ideas, shared knowledge, and mobilization of people and governments across borders to solve problems. Even while there are new polarities, there is more tolerance of difference and appreciation of plurality than ever before.

I learned a few things about Puget Sound and your class on the way here. That you are a top producer of Peace Corps volunteers for schools of your size, that 75 percent of you participate in community service, that nearly half of you have studied abroad in 33 countries and that many of you will be traveling to far-flung parts of the globe as you leave Puget Sound and enter the so-called real world.

Some of you will have heard of Ishmael Beah. Ishmael Beah is a 26-year-old Sierra Leonian who at 13 was conscripted as a child soldier but who years later managed to find his way, first to a U.N. rehabilitation center, then to the United States, where he now lives in New York City as a writer, activist, and self-professed "American kid who's confused about what they want to do."

I would leave you with one final thought. Every moment in history is open, this one no less. You have a real and important opportunity to seize, and a contribution to make, even if you don't know yet what it is or how you will make it.

If a child soldier in Sierra Leone can end up graduating from Oberlin College, writing a book about his story with the power to affect millions, and sold in Starbucks, no less, you know that the world is full of unimagined possibility and the future is yours to determine.

Elizabeth Cousens is vice president of the International Peace Academy.

Also honored at commencement

Others receiving honorary degrees were: **David L. Nicandri**, director of the Washington Historical Society and the Washington State History Museum and overseer of the design and construction of the history museum, which was the foundation for the renaissance of downtown Tacoma; **Kathleen Ross**, SNJM, the current and founding president of Heritage University on the Yakama Indian Reservation in Toppenish, Wash., which she has built from an enrollment of 85 students in 1982 to more than 1,300 today; and **Shella Evans Widnall**, an institute professor and professor of aeronautics and astronautics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, first woman to chair the faculty at MIT, first woman to head a branch of the military services as secretary of the Air Force, and a native Tacoman.

Complete biographies on the honorands, the text of speeches, and commencement photos are at www.ups.edu/x17616.xml.

Notable



Three Watsons!

The Thomas J. Watson Foundation awarded fellowships to three members of the Class of 2007. No college or university received more Watson fellowships this year than UPS.

Zorba Leslie, a politics and government major from Tacoma, will travel to Chile, South Africa, Rwanda, and Cambodia to assess methods of securing justice in post-conflict societies.

Kendra Loeb, a biology major from Lakefield, Minn., will travel to Morocco, India, Thailand, Japan, and Tonga to see how healers combine ancient therapies

such as massage, anatomical manipulation, and acupuncture with metaphysical understanding in the management of chronic pain.

Leif Rasmuson, a biology major from Sebastopol, Calif., received the award for his proposal to study the transition from traditional to commercial fisheries and its resulting impact on culture in Japan, Norway, Australia, and Chile. For family reasons Rasmuson has declined the award.

The Watson Foundation was established in 1968 to give graduating seniors an opportunity for a focused year of study of their own design.

"The awards are long-term investments in people, not research," says Rosemary Macedo, executive director of the Watson program. "We look for students likely to lead or innovate in the future and give them extraordinary independence in pursuing their interests. They must have passion, creativity, and a feasible plan."

Leslie, Loeb, and Rasmuson were chosen from among 179 national finalists. Since beginning its affiliation with the Watson Foundation in 1993, Puget Sound has produced 18 Watson fellows.

Complete descriptions of the students' projects are at www.ups.edu/x14734.xml.

Life, with purpose

As final exams approached in the spring of her freshman year, Sara Widener '07 attributed the blinding headaches she was experiencing to end-of-the-year tension. Doctors later found a large tumor in Widener's brain and another in her lower spine. The diagnosis was anaplastic ependymoma, a fast-growing cancer that statistics said would allow her only a few months to live. That was two years ago.

Since then she's had several surgeries and

almost continual chemotherapy, but the Denver native refuses to slow down. "I could give up. I could watch movies all day and pity myself and say 'Oh, poor me. I have cancer,'" she told *The Denver Post* in a front-

page story in April. "I acknowledge that it's part of my life, but ... it's just a part of your life that you learn to deal with."

Widener has done far more than just deal with it. In October, while she was on a medical leave of absence from the university, she and her mother, Barbara Widener, put on a benefit for cancer patients. Sara convinced people to donate their hair to Locks of Love (to be made into wigs for patients undergoing chemotherapy or radiation) and raised more than \$15,000, which on July 31 (her birthday!) she will donate to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. Now she's starting a nonprofit organization, the Fight 2 Live Foundation, to keep the good work going (www.fight2live.org).

For this, *USA Weekend* chose her as one of 10 Make a Difference Day national finalists. With the support of actor Paul Newman, the magazine gave each of the finalists \$10,000 to present to the charity of their choice. Widener will split the award between the Hutch and Brent's Place, a housing community in Denver for cancer patients who are undergoing hospital treatment, and their families.

Widener came to UPS thinking to major in biology with a pre-med emphasis. "After my diagnosis, I decided I wanted to further my work by focusing on the emotional side of medicine, so my major is psychology." She is finishing her studies at home this summer.



ROLE MODELS Sara Widener and her mom.



Courtesy Alison Paradise '82

From slab to frame in just five days

Faculty, staff, and students traveled to Mobile, Ala., during spring break in March to help with Habitat for Humanity's Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts. On the crew from UPS: Instructor in Mathematics Alison Radcliffe Paradise '82, Professor of Business and Leadership Jeff Matthews, Franny Allen '08, Jessica Baloun '10, Liz Becker '07, Malia Delacruz '08, Alana Eakin '10, Tanner Eggleston '10, Erica French '10, Chloe Horner '10, Sam Kelley '10, Eric Lanigan '10, Katie Lind '09, Emily Olsen '09, Clay Ross '09, Stephanie Schuster '08, Pauline Seng '08, Katelyn Stearns '10, Sam Kelley's parents, Kathy Kelley and Rick Sonnenberg, and Mike Farley, a Habitat volunteer from Tacoma.



STANDOUTS In the 2007 Mathematical Contest in Modeling, Sara Beck '08, Alex Twist '07, and Spencer K'Burg '07 (bottom to top, above), were one of 14 teams out of 949 entrants to win an "Outstanding" designation.

academic competitions

Window or aisle?

Three undergrads show how airlines can get people on and off planes a lot faster

OK, math whizzes. This is a test. Only one question on it. And while that question doesn't require calculations about trains speeding toward each other in the night, it does involve another popular conveyance and a situation with which you probably have experience:

Airlines are free to seat passengers waiting to board an aircraft in any order. But from the airline's point of view, time is money, and boarding time is best minimized. The plane makes money for the airline only when it is in motion, and long boarding times limit the number of trips a plane can make in a day. Devise and compare procedures for boarding and deboarding planes with varying numbers of passengers: small (85–210), midsize (210–330), and large (450–800).

Pencils ready? You may begin.

That's what three UPS students did for five days in mid-February, when they participated in the 2007 Mathematical Contest in Modeling; 949 teams representing institutions from 12 countries participated. When it was over, judges chose 14 Outstanding Winners, and the UPS crew of Sara Beck '08, Spencer K'Burg '07, and Alex Twist '07 was one of them. Among other winning schools: Duke, Harvard, MIT, the University of Washington, and two uni-

versities from China. The 14 "outstanding" solution papers will be published in *The UMAP Journal*.

But back to the problem of the best way to get people on and off an airplane. Got you stumped? Here's the solution our young mathematicians came up with:

We performed a careful analysis of boarding techniques currently practiced in the airline industry, as well as a novel technique not currently in use. The boarding techniques we examined included several variations of a back-to-front, outside-in (passengers board window seats first, aisle seats last), random assignment, and a new process we called "roller coaster" for its resemblance to the process of boarding similarly named theme-park rides.

We designed a simulation that replicates the behavior of passengers boarding airplanes of different sizes. To accurately model the different sizes and shapes of the interior of the planes, we used an Airbus 320 to represent small aircraft, a Boeing 747 to represent midsize aircraft, and an alternate configuration of the Boeing 747 to represent a large aircraft.

We physically modeled and observed common interactions to accurately reflect boarding time. Variables in our model included walking time, stowage time, and seating time. Boarding delays were measured as the sum of these variables. We ran 500 simulations for various combinations of airplane sizes and boarding plans.

In our simulations, the roller coaster boarding method, in which passengers line up in groups before they board the plane, performed the best. We estimated that with this method, airlines can board smaller planes (162 passengers) in approximately 3 1/2 minutes, 67 percent faster than the next-best option; midsize (288 passengers) planes in approximately 5 3/4 minutes, 37 percent faster than the next-best option; and large planes (550 passengers) in approximately 10 1/2 minutes, 35 percent faster than the next-best option.

These time estimates are only the amount of time it takes to move passengers onto the plane; they do not reflect the time it takes to order passengers into roller coaster-type lines before boarding. Because putting passengers into an order takes time, the next step would be to investigate what resources would be required to implement this plan (e.g., metal bars or chains similar to those used at amusement parks to guide lines of people). If the ordering process takes a significant amount of time, it may be undesirable to ask passengers to arrive at the gate earlier, or to wait until everyone is in the roller coaster line before boarding.

As to the deboarding process, we considered the common practice on today's airplanes, which is to allow passengers to deboard at their convenience. Typically passengers are very anxious to get off the plane. The very moment (or sometimes even slightly before) passengers are given the OK from the pilot and flight crew, they are already unbuckled and ready to start deboarding. It would be a poor customer relations move to try to tell passengers to sit still and wait for other passengers to get off of the plane first. Further, previous studies have shown that it is generally the boarding process that acts as the primary constraint in decreasing plane turnaround time. Airlines must be seen as supportive of passenger comfort. From both a customer service perspective and a practicality perspective, our best option regarding deboarding methods is to allow the passengers to exit the airplane as they please.

theater

Page to stage in 24 hours

The first Double Shot Theatre Festival, presented by the Northwest Playwrights Alliance and UPS, was a spontaneous, funny Thespian whirlwind



THURS., MAY 17, 8:30 P.M. The clock is ticking. After drawing names out of a hat to form the first of six writer-director-actors teams, Professor of Theatre Arts Geoff Proehl records them and lays out the timeline. The playwrights then retire; they will work all night to come up with an original script for a 10-minute play. The theme: "Take me to the water."



FRI., MAY 18, 8:26 A.M. First read. Directors see what they've got to work with. The artists—12 playwrights, 12 directors, one choreographer, one composer, and more than 40 actors—were drawn from all over the region and included several Puget Sound alumni and current students.



FRI., MAY 18, 9:36 A.M. Rehearsals begin. Writer Eva Suter's play about the life cycle of a frog is called "Tads." That's Suter, in the back, giggling, as the actors find their inner amphibian, and Yusuf Word '09, at right.



FRI., MAY 18, 8:47 P.M. One more time. A second group of six play-makers forms and gets started. The theme for them is "dog walker;" plays to be performed 24 hours later, on Saturday night. Here, at left, is festival producer Evan Tucker '07 and, at right, playwright Elizabeth Edwards '06.



FRI., MAY 18, 9:51 P.M. The performance. The frogs in "Tads" get nostalgic about the good old days, before they got unstuck and found their tails. The audience howls.



TEAMWORK The combined efforts of all 2006-07 Logger athletes won the Northwest Conference All-Sports Trophy for the second year in a row.

sports

Another league-leading year for Logger teams

For the second straight year the Loggers were crowned the best in the Northwest, winning the Northwest Conference McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy with the highest point total in eight years.

In the fall UPS teams used conference titles in men's and women's soccer, and runner-up finishes in men's and women's cross country to surge ahead of the pack with 94 points, a full first-place finish (18 points) ahead of second-place Whitworth.

In the winter season the Loggers continued to pull ahead, winning the NWC women's swimming title for the 11th consecutive season and sharing the women's basketball crown with George Fox. With third-place finishes in men's basketball and men's swimming, UPS added 58 points to its total to extend its lead.

Spring was highlighted by a NWC title from the women's golf team, and a second-place finish in women's tennis brought the Loggers' total to 253 points. Other NWC teams followed: Linfield (241), Whitworth (238), Willamette and Pacific Lutheran (tie, 187), George Fox (135), Whitman (126), Lewis and Clark (122), and Pacific (103).

Spring post-season highlights

The women's rowing team finished the regular season at the top of the West Region, which qualified them to send two varsity eight boats

to the NCAA Division III Championships at Oak Ridge, Tenn. The women finished the regatta in fourth place. It was the fifth straight year the Loggers participated in the NCAA Championships and the third time UPS finished fourth nationally.

Five women were honored by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association. Sarah Armstrong '09 was named a First Team All-American, while Taylor Anderson '09, Emma Green '08, Larissa Keeler '09, and Nicola Onnis '08 were all named CRCA Scholar-Athletes. Head Coach Sarah Canfield was voted Co-Coach of the Year by her peers in the WIRA.

In April the Logger men's varsity four crew of Steven Souvall '09, Alex Twist '08, Tristan Orford '08, Travis Titus '07, and coxswain Chris Sheppard '08 took the gold medal in the grand final at the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship. "They're quite a crew," said Men's Rowing Coach Michael Hagmann. "Together they have the highest GPA of any crew I've coached in the past nine years."

The finish at the WIRA earned the men's four-plus-coxswain the opportunity to compete at the national level, rowing against 34 of the best programs in the country at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship in Camden, N.J., from May 31 to June 2. It was the first time in program history that the men have qualified a boat for the national championship.

The Loggers proved they belong in that competition, recording the third best time in the varsity four time trials. The boat didn't fair as well in the next day's semifinal round, but still wrapped up with a third place finish in the petite final, and ninth overall.



RUN SILENT, RUN DEEP Professor Elliott and Matt Lonsdale '08 launch the university's remote-controlled minisub, which can go deeper than human divers to inspect the floor of the sound.

research

A lifeline for Hood Canal

Getting the goods on bacterial mats and why they cause low oxygen levels in the sound

Come July, when the Northwest sun exchanges its disappearing act for a long-playing role, all seems right with the world. Only it isn't. As the sun's rays bake the gloom from our memory, it triggers a chain reaction in parts of Puget Sound that ultimately can reduce water quality. This in turn can lead to disasters such as the massive fish kill in Hood Canal last fall.

From soup to mats

It all starts with algae, or more accurately phytoplankton, that live off nutrients in the surface waters of the Sound. As the summer sun heats up, they multiply and can turn bays and inlets into caldrons of brown soup. When the algae die, they settle to the bottom and

become a smorgasbord for bacteria. This process uses up available oxygen and produces hydrogen sulfide, which is toxic for most organisms. The good news: the bacterial mats formed in such situations (likely made up of *Beggiatoa* spp.) transform the sulfides into nontoxic elemental sulfur. The bad news: the mats are associated with low oxygen levels, and they increase the amount of nitrogen in the water. Which enhances plankton growth, and here we go again.

Of course, making the sun the culprit is like blaming the sky for air pollution. Joel Elliott, associate professor of biology at UPS, and a cadre of students are exploring the real causes and implications of bacterial mats. They have joined an effort coordinated by Hood Canal Dissolved Oxygen Program, a consortium of 30 organizations dedicated to monitoring the low dissolved-oxygen problem in Hood Canal in order to reverse the growing ecological imbalance.

"The first time I saw a description of these bacterial mats was last September in a report about their discovery by the Skokomish Tribe, which was searching for clues as to what was endangering the salmon in their area," Elliott explains. "We had been studying bacterial mats in Commencement Bay that were living off hydrogen sulfide from the decomposition of leftover wood waste from the

sawmills that once lined the bay's shore. We wanted to follow up on this work by doing research on the bacterial mats in Hood Canal."

Deep curiosity

With the UPS boat and research equipment in tow, Elliott and members of his marine biology class headed to Hood Canal. After putting their ROV—remote operated vehicle—overboard, they explored down to 200 feet, much deeper than tribal divers could go. Students documented the depth, breadth, and distribution pattern of the bacterial mats and studied how water quality—anything from temperature and salinity to dissolved oxygen and pH—might contribute to the abundance of mats.

Two of Elliott's students—Matt Lonsdale '08 and Pam Michael '07—took the study further. Last February they presented a poster titled "Factors Influencing the Distribution and Abundance of *Beggiatoa* Bacterial Mats in Hood Canal" at the Pacific Estuarine Research Society conference in Victoria, B.C., where they won the award for the best poster for undergraduate research. Subsequently, Lonsdale, a biology major who plans to earn a master's and teach at the high-school level, received a University of Puget Sound Summer

Research Grant for Science or Mathematics to continue the study.

"I will use the same methods to gather a lot more data over the course of the next year," he explains. "No one has studied these mats before in the Hood Canal. The phenomenon has been observed in Sweden and Chile, but we are the first to explore it here."

A healthier canal

Scientists have isolated some of the culprits affecting the water quality of Hood Canal: old, faulty septic systems; nitrogen-rich chemical fertilizers; decomposing fish carcasses, and decaying alder trees all end up in the watershed. HCDOP advocates improvement through composting leaves and fish carcasses, upgrading septic systems, and farming organically. Elliott and his students hope their research into bacterial mats will contribute a greater understanding of *Beggiatoa*'s role.

"My greatest goal is to provide information that helps all the people working for Hood Canal to better understand how these mats fit into the bigger picture," Lonsdale adds. "Because of this information, I hope we can come to a better conclusion about how to make Hood Canal healthier." — Lynda McDaniel

David Wallron '92



WHAT THE HECK IS THAT? At their spring meeting, members of the resurgent alumni council were back in class learning about research conducted in local waters—and loving it. Here, Michael LeFevre '00 takes a turn guiding the underwater remote operated vehicle, while the others watch TV pictures of the Commencement Bay floor that the ROV sends to the surface.

Alumni council dives in

Taking an active role in the life of their university, members of the recently reorganized Alumni Council Executive Committee (formerly the National Alumni Board) got up-close and personal with starfish, plankton, and other sea creatures in Commencement Bay

during their April planning meeting. The group spent a morning with Professor Elliott and Matt Lonsdale '08 learning about work the researchers are conducting on the well-being of Puget Sound waters.

"Sessions like this help ACEC members become effective ambassadors for the university," says council President Ken McGill '61. "Seeing this great work first-hand reminds us that Puget Sound continues to attract the best faculty and students."

Council members declared the experience fascinating. "As a non-science major, I avoided Thompson Hall as much as possible," said Michael LeFevre '00, "but spending a few hours with Joel Elliott made me appreciate what I was missing: Research with a local impact, like the destruction of eel grass in Puget Sound; a chance to get out of the classroom and get some hands-on experience; and of course the opportunity to play with cool, expensive toys, like that remote operated vehicle."

For more on what the ACEC is doing, turn to page 48.

A boat with no name. Help!

As it turns out, the university's research vessel has never had an official name. "Many have been suggested over the years, but none of them have stuck. Literally," explains Prof. Elliott. "That would have required me to have the stickers made, pull the boat out of the water, and then stick them on." To remedy this, the ACEC, er, floated the idea of a naming contest. Got a great name in mind for Puget Sound's biology boat? What about a companion name for the ROV? Send suggestions by September 1 to ACEC@ups.edu. The winner gets a UPS sweatshirt and, on his or her next trip to campus, a trip on the boat, shadowing researchers as they work.

A field guide to campus trees

Judging by the reaction of many Arches readers to our story about the December 2006 windstorm, we may have given the impression that the storm nearly denuded the campus of trees. Not hardly. Southerly gusts did take about 60 trees, but there are more than 800 others, many of them notable. Here, for summer strolling, a brief field guide.



AMERICAN BEECH

Fagus grandifolia

Description: Broad tree from 35 to 55 feet tall with rounded crown, strong branches, and edible nuts. The bark of both this and the European Beech have a history of being popular with graffiti artists who favor knives over spray paint. Grows up to 100 feet tall. Also known for its fruit, a small, sweet nut in a spiked husk.

Leaves: Elliptical, ovalish, ridged, with veins and small, sharp serrations ranging in size from 2.5 to 5.5 inches. Leaves turn copper colored in fall.

Bark: Thin and smooth. Grayish in color.

Range: Between Jones Hall and Howarth and McIntyre Halls, and on the east side of Todd Field. (Native to eastern North America.)

Trivia: Not only is the north of the two beech trees at Jones Hall loved by climbers, it's also popular with those who like to leave their mark in the form of graffiti. "People climb up and carve their names in it," says grounds manager James Vance. While it may be a tradition, cutting into the tree to carve graduation dates, names, and other messages can hurt it. The grounds crew checks the tree two or three times a year to make sure it hasn't been damaged. While the south tree is healthy, it doesn't appear to be as robust or leafy as its northern counterpart because it was damaged in an ice storm. Both trees were moved and replanted when the campus relocated to its current location in the 1920s.



AMERICAN RED HAZELNUT/ RED FILBERT

Corylus americana

Description: Small shrub-like tree about 15 feet tall with light-colored catkins, clusters of flowers that hang down like a tassel. It is known for its fruit, a rounded edible nut in a small husk.

Leaves: Rounded to oval, almost heart-shaped, 2 to 3 inches across with serrations.

Bark: Brownish and smooth.

Range: Near Collins Memorial Library. (Native to eastern U.S.)

Trivia: "I don't think people realize how rare that tree is," Vance says. The hazelnuts are rarer still. Students who want to try one fresh from the tree will have to fight campus squirrels for it.



AUTUMN-BLOOMING CHERRY

Prunus autumnalis

Description: A deciduous tree known for its pink-white flowers, which bloom in early spring, autumn, and during occasional warm periods in winter. Bears half-inch, black fruit.

Leaves: Spiky, ovate, green, approximately 1 to 4 inches long.

Bark: Gray-brown to dark brown.

Range: West side of Wheelock Student

Center. (Native to Japan.)

Trivia: Students decorate these trees with paper cranes each spring as a memorial to the 30 Japanese-American students enrolled at the College of Puget Sound who were sent to relocation centers during World War II. Examples of a different variety of cherry tree, on the north side of McIntyre Hall, were planted by the Japanese students themselves in 1942.



DOUGLAS FIR

Pseudotsuga menziesii

Description: The main component in the river of green that runs the length of the campus, this large, coniferous evergreen is almost cone shaped.

Leaves: Long, thin needles ranging from 1 to 1.5 inches long, with tips that may be either blunt or slightly rounded. Color ranges from light yellow green to blue-green on top with a white stripe underneath.

Bark: On mature plants, thick, red-brown with deep furrows.

Range: Throughout campus. (Native to the Pacific Northwest.)

Trivia: Most of the campus firs survived the winter wind storms, although the tree is subject to the risk of being blown over in a stiff wind if growing in clay or glacial till. When workmen cleared trees

felled in the December storm from the arboretum, one with a wagish sense of humor carved a remnant stump into the shape of a mushroom. (It was still there as *Arches* went to press.) Another, larger tree was cut up and made into a picnic table and benches. For many years, the Douglas fir frustrated classification. Over the years it has been tagged as belonging to the spruce and sequoia families, among others. In fact, it isn't a fir at all. It's a member of the pine family. Even its name *Pseudotsuga* means "false hemlock."



GIANT SEQUOIA

Sequoiadendron giganteum

Description: A tall, column-like tree that seems to go on forever. At approximately 70 feet, this is one of the highest and most majestic trees on campus, which is in keeping with its characterization as one of the world's tallest types of trees.

Leaves: Bluish green, flattened scale-like needles that are short and broad. Also described as awl shaped.

Bark: Soft, thick reddish brown with many furrows.

Range: In front of Wheelock Student Center. (In nature, generally restricted to the Sierra Nevada of California.)

Trivia: The Flower Growers Garden Club planted the UPS tree in 1932. Although university officials and the groundskeepers did not know it, students who climbed to the top of the sequoia at night logged their accomplishment in a waterproof tablet, Vance says. The rite of passage and the tablet were discovered when a student fell out of the tree and was injured. "It's an extremely difficult tree to climb," Vance added. The contents of the tablet appear to back up his assertion. "There weren't very many names in it." (Rumor has it that students are in the process of replacing it with a "Rite in the Rain" waterproof notebook. Appropriate, since "Rite in the Rain" is based in Tacoma and owned by Scott '74 and Todd '75 Silver.) A sister sequoia was removed to make way for construction of the science center. While it could not be transplanted, the school is growing another one in the greenhouse using branch cuttings from the original.



SILK TREE MIMOSA

Albizia julibrissin

Description: A broad tree with slender branches and an umbrella-type canopy of small, puffy, pink, almost azalea-like flowers with a white base, producing a riot of color when in bloom.

Leaves: Feather-shaped, fern-like compound leaves with lots of leaflets on either side of the stem.

Bark: Smooth, grayish.

Range: Jones Circle, in front of Howarth Hall and McIntyre Hall.

(Also in a swath from most of the Eastern Seaboard below New England, down through the Mid- and Southwest, and up to California.)

Trivia: Planted in the 1990s, these campus trees were strategically placed so that people on the second and third floors of buildings would have something pretty outside their windows in mid to late spring, Vance says. Although the best view is from above, these are also attractive when seen from ground level. The tree planted in front of McIntyre Hall honors 30 years of service by Ruby Adams, who worked in Dining and Conference Services. The Howarth Hall tree honors Mike Kinney, a 43-year member of the Facilities Services team.



TALL STEWARTIA

Stewartia monadelphica

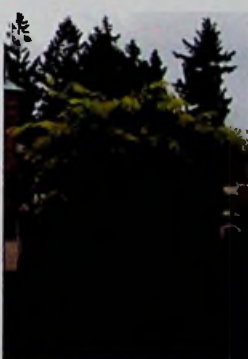
Description: A slow growing, rounded-pyramidal shaped, ornamental deciduous tree with handsome half-inch, white, bell-shaped flowers.

Leaves: 1.5 to 2.5 inches, elliptical to oblong, dark green leaves that turn coppery brown in fall.

Bark: Reddish, almost cinnamon-colored, bark.

Range: Karlan Quad. Also found in a narrow swath on the edges of the U.S., ranging from the Northwest and central California along the Southwest up through the lower Northeast.

Trivia: These were donated by a member of the biology faculty. The Stewartia was planted in 2001 as a replacement for a tree originally planted by the alumni from the Class of 1946.



JAPANESE ZELKOVA

Zelkova serrata

Description: 15- to 20-foot-tall deciduous tree; ideal for providing shade. Also called "green vase" and often referred to as "vase-shaped," the tree has a short trunk and branches that grow at tight angles. Often found lining streets.

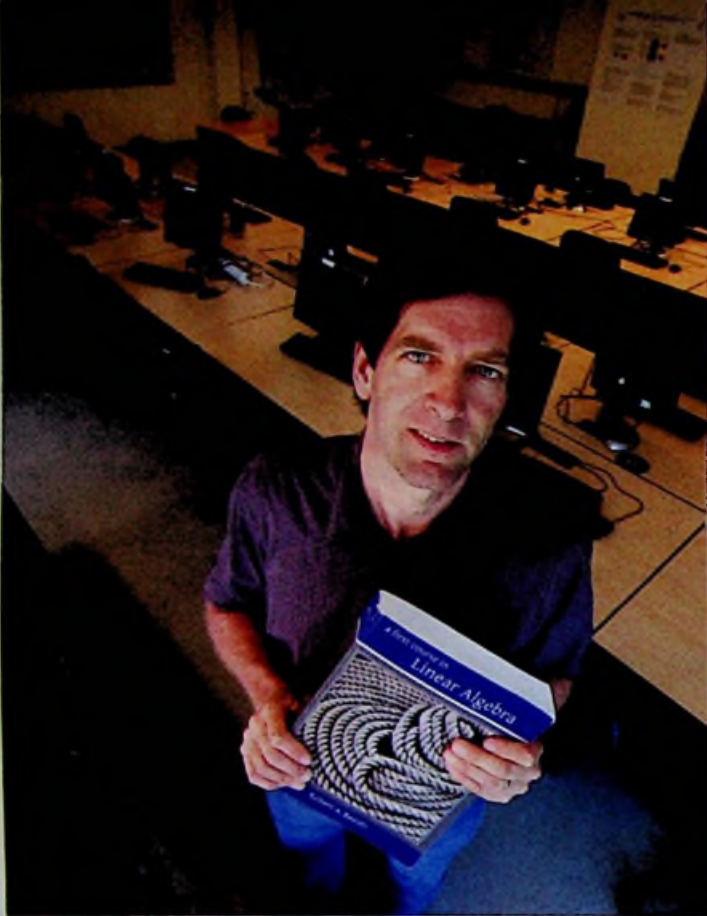
Leaves: Ovate, tapering to a slender point. Dark green on top, lighter shade on lower side. Leaves often change color in fall with

hues running the range from yellow and gold to burgundy.

Bark: Smooth, light grayish, which peels to reveal a layer of orange below.

Range: Along Lawrence Street. (Native of eastern China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.)

Trivia: There is no truth to the rumor that these trees were planted in the 1990s just so the university could say it had trees for every letter from A to Z. — compiled by David Volk



CHANGE IS GOOD Mathematics Professor Rob Beezer saw the need for an infinitely adaptable linear algebra text. His *First Course in Linear Algebra* is available inexpensively from an on-demand printer, or free online in a version that is updated frequently.

pedagogy

You've heard of talking books; this one's 'alive'

And it might just be the next big thing in textbooks

When Hollywood portrays mathematicians, we typically see a lone genius working in a darkened classroom, the tap-tap-tap of chalk against blackboard the only sound. But if movie moguls made a film about Puget Sound Professor Robert Beezer and his new textbook, *A First Course in Linear Algebra*, they'd need to throw open the doors, let in some sunshine, and hire dozens of extras.

OK, so a Hollywood movie about a math textbook is pretty unlikely. But Beezer's book is worthy: In its own way it's as revolutionary as moveable type. For starters, anyone, anywhere can access the book for free on the Internet and print as many copies as they need. (Professor Beezer, a member of the mathematics and computer science faculty at UPS since 1984, does charge \$25 for an 800-page, print-on-demand copy, a bargain at today's textbook prices.)

In addition, it's an open-source textbook, which means content contributions are welcome from mathematicians around the globe. On a typical day, the book's Web site (<http://linear.ups.edu/>) is likely

Photojournal by Ross Mulhausen



MARCH 30 – EAT YOUR WORDS The Collins Memorial Library sponsors an Edible Books competition, in which students and staff recreate book titles using food. Here: *War and Peas* (groan) submitted by cataloging specialist Patt Leonard.



APRIL 12-15 – A FINE HOW-DE-DO Who doesn't like Gilbert and Sullivan? Students pack 'em in for four superb performances of *The Mikado*.



APRIL 25 – THANKS, FROM THE TOP Ronald Tschetter, director of the Peace Corps, is on campus to present President Thomas with a plaque recognizing UPS as the top producer of Peace Corps volunteers among small colleges.

to get as many combined visitors from Romania, Canada, Singapore, and Ireland as the United States. And with error corrections a mere click on the keyboard, *A First Course in Linear Algebra* delivers an unprecedented level of accuracy and reliability.

"The Internet means that we don't have to do things the way they've always been done," Beezer says. Users don't have to wait for a second edition to get updates, although Beezer plans to keep tight editorial control on the book. "It wouldn't work to have it like Wikipedia," he says, "but I believe ideas want to be free."

From notebook to textbook

Beezer started writing the book in 1986, although he didn't know it then. He was teaching a post-calculus linear algebra course, something he would repeat 16 times until June 2002. By the spring of 2003, he had converted his class notes to an electronic version to ease the revision process, and "It was only a short leap to then decide to distribute copies of these notes and examples to the students," he writes in the preface. "As the semester wore on, the notes began to look less like notes and more like a textbook."

About the same time, he was growing weary of changing his class notes to comply with the vagaries of publishing. "I felt that books were changing for no apparent reason—or worse, going out of print," Beezer explains. "One day when a salesperson was urging me to try a new one, I thought, 'It doesn't need to be this way.'"

A sabbatical in the spring of 2004 gave him the time necessary to take the project further. He officially launched *A First Course in*

Linear Algebra, or "Beezer in a Box" as some students have dubbed it, in December 2006.

While the core of the book is basically complete, the number of exercises, topics, and applications continue to grow, both from Beezer and contributing mathematicians; the textbook currently includes 223 theorems and 113 definitions. Andy Zimmer '08, who is already planning a Ph.D. in mathematics, wrote an entire section on the matrix trace, something he describes as "a neat tool for examining matrices." And this summer Elizabeth Million '07 is writing a new section on the Hadamard product.

Sequels and more

In movie parlance, the book is a "sleeper;" that is, it has a small following that is expected to steadily grow. Because the book came out in mid-school-year last December, Beezer anticipates more users as professors search out next term's textbooks. He also understands that trust must build as they review—and even contribute—to the contents. "Free on the Internet—that could be written by a crackpot," he adds with a chuckle. "Professors really need to look carefully."

Sequels to this story are already under way, like the one involving a computer scientist with a National Science Foundation grant to write software that converts electronic XML text into Braille. She's talking with Beezer about making his textbook readable by the blind.

"I don't know where all this could lead," he says. "But I know that good things happen when you put ideas out there and say, 'Here it is, and it's free.'" — Lynda McDaniel



APRIL 27 – THE LIGHT FANTASTIC Kelsey Pobanz '08 helps youngsters from Washington Hoyt Elementary School learn about the colorful spectra of various gasses by viewing them through an emission lamp with diffraction grating.



APRIL 27–May 14 – SENIOR ART SHOW The work of this year's 20 graduating studio art majors is on display in Kittredge Gallery. Here: paintings by Maggie McProud '07.

Surf city

Picture perfect

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In BUS 490, Assistant Professor of Business and Leadership Lynette Claire requires her students to study local entrepreneurs by interviewing them for 10-minute documentary films. Then, toward the end of the semester, the class puts on a film festival to showcase its work.

"It's fun for the students to learn a new skill," says Professor Claire. "They already do a lot of writing here. The camera gives them an opportunity to explore the work of entrepreneurs in fine detail—over and over again as they edit."

Several recent films are posted on Claire's Web page, including one on Jesse Proudman '07, who is financing his education with his own fast-growing Web-hosting business.

See it and videos on the chairman of the boards for a Tacoma hardwood flooring company, and the owners and patrons of the Mandolin Café, the closest thing to a beatnik coffee house we've got in the North End.



Fishing for compliments

www.myspace.com/TheWhalester

Never one to fall behind the times, Willy, the decidedly skinny (he's just a skeleton, after all) juvenile grey whale hanging from the ceiling of the Harned Hall lobby, now has his own page on MySpace. Among things you'll find by checking out the site:

- Favorite music — "Rock Lobster" by the B-52s and "Moby Dick" by Led Zeppelin
- Favorite films — What else: *Free Willy*
- Favorite TV — Says Willy: "Currently the only thing I watch on TV is the clip of Harned Hall being built and examples of 'science on display' shown in a continuous loop on the lobby monitor. I am sick of it."
- Zodiac sign — Aquarius
- Listed in friends — Dr. Drew!

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Take a Hike Seattle: Hikes Within Two Hours of the City

250 pages, Avalon Travel Publishing, www.moon.com



Washington Hiking: The Complete Guide to More Than 400 Hikes

400 pages, Avalon Travel Publishing, www.foghorn.com

Scott Leonard '00

Written for Seattle city folk, *Take a Hike* profiles hiking trails within a two-hour drive of the Emerald City—fertile ground for outdoors enthusiasts, in Leonard's opinion. "Where else can one find a mix of saltwater and mountains so closely at hand?" The author, who spent several years building trails for the nonprofit Earth-Corps, includes lists of his favorite hikes—such as "Best Hikes for Berry Picking" and "Best Hikes for Viewing Wildflowers"—as well as a section on his beloved Olympic Mountains, for which he admits fudging the two-hour rule.

Though published as part of a different guidebook series, *Washington Hiking* serves as a sort of companion volume, with a similar format but a broader scope, covering more than 400 hikes—a celebration of Washington state's diverse geographies. Among the areas featured is Mount Rainier, which Leonard recommends for "when your mother-in-law is in town."



Sociologists in a Global Age: Biographical Perspectives

Edited by Mathieu Deflem
288 pages, Ashgate Publishing, www.ashgate.com

Intended for budding social scientists, this collection offers essays written by 16 prominent, international sociologists, describing how they became practitioners in the field—all presented in the context of today's increasingly changing world. Among those featured is Leon Grunberg, who's been a professor of sociology at Puget Sound since 1979, and whose essay is titled "A Serendipitous Career."



Catching the Flathead Monster

Chris DeVore '99
173 pages, PublishAmerica, www.publishamerica.com

Some lost souls populate the hospital in Polson, Montana. There's Levi, a poet fascinated with baseball and death; Ruth, a cancer victim; Lily, Ruth's troubled teenage daughter; and Mark, a nursing intern who, during

his first day on the job, discovers his patient to be dead. All have a mysterious, uncontrollable urge to write, and they find themselves haunted by the Flathead Monster, a Loch Ness-style creature (and a real local Montana legend). Here, as in his first novel, *The Literary Detective*, DeVore wears his eccentricities on his sleeve. Yet beneath the artifice lies a glimmer of humanity. "The woman with cancer makes me rethink how I live my life," writes Mark in his journal. "She has a peace about her, even with her life the way it is." Toward the end of the book, the characters connect with one another as they struggle to survive, embrace the future, and let go of the past.



Glimpses

Anneke Vermeulen Mason B.A.'76, M.A.'79
46 pages

In her latest self-published chapbook of poetry, Mason explores themes of life, death, renewal, and empowerment. "Their lives intertwine / Their thoughts multiply / Their minds fertilize ours," she writes in "Teachers," "Which in turn / Produce insights / For others." She revisits the subject of teaching in "Granddaughter": "You are the wise one / Unrestrained / I the student / Learning." Elsewhere, in poems like "Salmon" and "Northwest Rains," she sounds out the rhythms of nature. Born in Indonesia, Mason spent three and a half years in a Japanese internment camp before eventually emigrating to the United States in 1957.



Class of Twenty-Eight

Neil Moloney '73
320 pages, PublishAmerica,
www.publishamerica.com

Based in Seattle, Moloney's brash new military novel follows the lives of five best friends as they graduate high school in 1928, just before the onset of the Great Depression. Scott Jackson (the protagonist of Moloney's last book, *Renaissance Cop*) and his buddies, Mark and Paul, come from working-class families, as does Kenji, a Japanese-American. Corky, meanwhile, is the son of a wealthy architect and real estate developer. Upon graduation, Jackson enlists in the Marines and goes on to serve in the South Pacific during World War II (just as Moloney himself did). He returns home to find that Mark, Paul, and Corky have been shipped overseas and that Kenji, in the wake of Japanese internment, has disappeared. He also meets Sophia, a member of the Navy Nurse Corps and a sexual dynamo, whom he hopes to marry. Packed with grim battle detail and gritty dialog, this book offers a look at American history leading up to World War II and is infused with an almost old-fashioned gallantry.

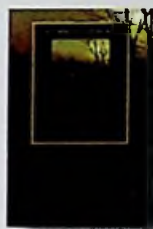


Tree-O

Ryan Burns, Geoff Cooke, and Jose Martinez
Odd Bird Records, www.oddbirdrecords.com

When they learned that bassist Cooke was moving from Seattle back to Denver, pianist Burns and

drummer Martinez invited their friend to join them at the Seattle Drum School to play some music. The result is this seven-song CD of classic, bluesy jazz—masterful stuff that one could envision hearing at a small, smoke-filled club in the 1940s. Burns, whom *Seattle Weekly* credited with having a "fantastically fertile brain," is an adjunct music affiliate with Puget Sound's Community Music program. A former student at Boston's Berklee School of Music, he has worked with numerous jazz, blues, and rock musicians and has even appeared on the Food Network.



The Cambridge Companion to Wilkie Collins

Edited by Jenny Bourne Taylor
232 pages, Cambridge University Press,
www.cambridge.org

Best known for *The Woman in White*, Victorian novelist Wilkie Collins wrote more than 20 books and numerous plays and short stories over the second half of the 19th century. This collection of essays traces and analyzes Collins' career. Of particular interest to *Arches* readers is the chapter titled "The Moonstone, Detective Fiction and Forensic Science" by Puget Sound President (and professor of English) Ron Thomas. One of the first English detective novels, *The Moonstone* is significant, Thomas says, because of the way it "reconstructs the past through deploying techniques of the emerging 19th-century science of forensic criminology and the practices of criminal investigation it inspired." Thomas has written three books and authored chapters for more than a dozen books on Victorian literature and culture.



Geminus's Introduction to the Phenomena: A Translation and Study of a Hellenistic Survey of Astronomy

James Evans and J. Lennart Berggren
346 pages, Princeton University Press,
<http://press.princeton.edu>

Ancient Greek astronomy had a profound impact on the development of modern-day Western celestial science. Here, Evans and Berggren offer the first English translation of a textbook from that era, Geminus's *Introduction to the Phenomena*. While little is known about Geminus, the authors nevertheless call his book an "important historical document" that offers "a vivid impression of an educated Greek's view of the cosmos and of astronomy" around the first century B.C. Written for beginners (probably Geminus's own students), *Phenomena* discusses eclipses, the constellations, the phases of the moon, and the variation in the length of the day, among other topics. Evans and Berggren call Geminus "a graceful and charming writer" who "is fond of quoting poets, such as Aratos or Homer, in illustration of astronomical points." The authors supplement Geminus's text with contextual commentary along with a series of diagrams, drawings, and photos. Evans is a Puget Sound professor of physics and co-director of the university's program in science, technology, and society.

— Andy Boynton



good teachers/good friends

Nancy and Don Hoff

They aren't technically on the Puget Sound faculty, but their example over the decades has made them revered teachers of a curriculum in loyalty, humility, and grace — by Chuck Luce

I spend my lunch hour most days tramping with a 50-pound pack on my back from campus down to Old Town and back up the 29th Street hill. I'd rather be getting my daily exercise on a trail leading to some high point in the Olympics, but the North End of Tacoma is a fine place to walk, as towns go. The sidewalks here may be one of the last places in America where strangers still greet one another with a smile and a "Hey there."

On a matchless afternoon last summer, a day when the channel in Commencement Bay was white with glacial runoff that had come all the way down the Puyallup from Mount Rainier, I was walking along Yakima Street in a T-shirt that said in big, maroon letters stacked on my chest: "LOGGERS KICK AXE." I'd bought it at a men's basketball game a couple of years back, when Puget Sound was in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Near the intersection with Steele Street I saw a gentleman in sunglasses coming up the hill. I was going down, and when we met the man stopped and said, "That's a good shirt."

"Are you a graduate?" I asked.

"Yes," he said. "Class of '50."

I introduced myself, and so did he: "I'm Don Hoff."

"Oh for crying out loud," I replied. "I'm ashamed not to have recognized you."

He touched his sunglasses. "Must be the disguise," he said with winning good humor.

It couldn't have been any other way.

For decades Don and Nancy Riehl Hoff have been showing people around here the power in humility, friendship, and gentle perseverance. Their lives have been so completely intertwined with the university that a list of everything they've done for their alma mater would take up several pages in this magazine.

They'd be embarrassed if we printed such an accounting, but if they'll indulge us a few lines, we'd like to mention that Nancy, a true-blue (OK, true-maroon) member of the Class of '51, retired from the university Board of Trustees in May after 28 steady, selfless years on the job. She's been president of the alumni association and president of the Women's League. In 1984 a grateful college presented her with its Alumni Service to the University Award for a lifetime of volunteer work that began 60 years ago when she was an undergraduate.

Don, who played on the CPS basketball team, has been on the Logger Club board since 1985. He's chaired the John Heinrick Athletic Scholarship Committee, honoring his old coach, and was a founding member of Toppers, the original alumni athletic booster club. He was a recipient of the university Lifetime Achievement Award in 1995.

The Hoff's are Tacoma people, she a teacher in the public schools

and he the president of a company that provides sales representatives for hardware manufacturers. They raised four children in the North End, and their ties with family and friends run deep and long. Just one example: They've been sharing Thanksgiving dinner with the clans of Dick Eckert '48 and Henry Pond '50 for more than 50 years.

Their generosity is legendary. They'd kill us if we made a big deal of that, too, but we should at least mention the Don M. and Nancy R. Hoff Endowed Scholarship Fund and their work for the Class of '50 and the Class of '51 endowed scholarships.

The couple may well be the all-time greatest boosters of UPS sports. It is rumored that Don was the mysterious guy in the maroon baseball hat seen shaking hands and heartily thanking every single UPS football player as the team headed into the locker room on Oct. 8, 2005, after beating PLU for the first time in 18 years. Even if the story is apocryphal it would be in character for Don.

"Don Hoff doesn't just attend a Logger football game or basketball game," President Ron Thomas wrote when I asked for observations about the Hoff's. "His heart rises with every completed pass and each bruising tackle. His eyes squint in pain with each shot made by the opponent, or missed by a Logger. Nancy is no less passionate, though somewhat more philosophical in her demeanor at these contests, always by Don's side in the bleachers or in the stands, fastening her determined gaze on the field of play as if it were history unfolding before them. And for them it is, maybe even a little more than for the rest of us whose hearts are there, too."

Everyone, it seems, has a story about the Hoff's.

Alumni Association President Ken McGill '61 finds it telling that they always attend the university golf tournament and at the fundraising dinner bid high on auction items. "Although I do not know that either of them have ever played golf," he notes. (They don't.) "Last year they went with the basketball team to Brazil and had a wonderful time mixing with the players. The year before they went to Hawai'i to join the team at a preseason tournament."

Another longtime trustee, Bill Weyerhaeuser, says it would be hard to find another couple that exemplifies such loyalty and commitment to the university.

So, in recognition of all this, at a meeting of the trustees on May 11, a proclamation was read, which concluded: "These resolutions are presented to Nancy and Don Hoff as a warm expression of the esteem and affection in which they are held by their colleagues on the Board of Trustees and by the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the University of Puget Sound."

The board then rose as one and applauded for a very long time.

Chuck Luce is the editor of this magazine.

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Dizzy gasps: 'PeeU!!'

CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH A WHOLE DIFFERENT KIND OF **TACOMA AROMA**

In his first visit to Tacoma, jazz immortal Dizzy Gillespie had the dubious distinction of appearing in the UPS fieldhouse the day after the Shrine Circus left town. Students from the event committee worked overtime to transform the venue from a three-ring circus to a performing arts hall in just 24 hours, and the place looked pretty good. But after being home to lions, tigers, and bears for a week, its essence was another story. When Dizzy walked onto the fieldhouse floor he nearly passed out. "What's that *smell?*" he said. It was back to work for the committee, this time with Lysol, bleach, and incense.

CHEEKY STAR **BEFUDDLES BANK MANAGER**

Like other jazz and blues performers of his era, Dizzy required his fee in cash. The day after his performance he picked up his check, and the university accounts payable office called the bank at 19th and Union to alert the staff there that Dizzy would be coming in to cash it. Incredibly, when he got to the bank and presented the check, the teller asked for identification. Dizzy didn't have any, so the teller called the branch manager to approve. The manager apparently was not a music fan. He told Dizzy he absolutely needed some sort of identification, at which point Dizzy put his finger to his lips like a trumpet mouthpiece and puffed up his famously large cheeks. The manager looked confused. He kept saying, "Sir, I need to see some I.D.," and the cheeks just kept getting bigger. The manager finally relented when one of his employees clued him in.

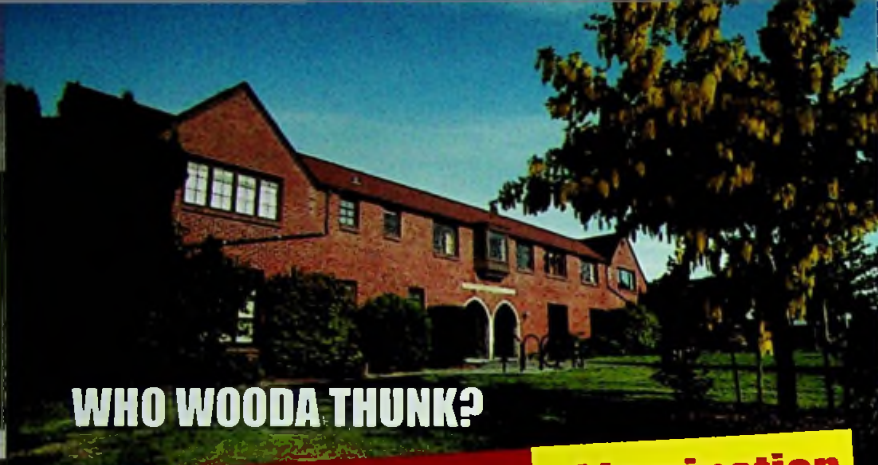
Coffee shop back story revealed



Meet me
at Puget
Grounds
???

The names that might have been

Loggers of the last decade, bleary-eyed from a long night of reading 200 pages of *Ulysses*, can count on morning salvation at Diversions, the campus coffee shop in Wheelock Student Center. What they might not know are the, er, perky titles for the café that were passed over after a naming contest in 1998. Among the 543 suggestions that went out with the grounds: Bean Me Up Shotty; Bean There, Done That; Café Puge; Cool Beans; CUPS; Deja Brew; Espresso Yourself; Java the Hut; Puget Grounds; Starbooks; To Bean or Not To Bean; Wake UPS; and Unbearable Lightness of Bean.



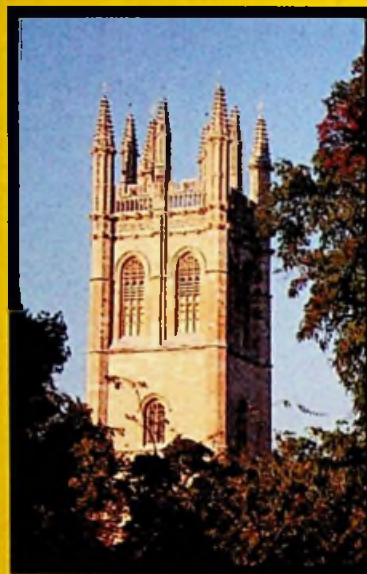
WHO WOODA THUNK?

The exemplification of lamination

Plenty of people remember that Kittredge Hall was the original student union and are proud that its construction was financed in part by a two-day "Bricks Krieg," in which students went out into the community and sold bricks to townspeople and businesses. But we Loggers also can take pride in the structure's obscure standing as an example of innovation in the wood-products industry. When Kittredge was built in 1941, plywood was gaining popularity in the construction trade and, since funds were tight and war looming, President Todd convinced lumber companies that Kittredge would make an excellent project to showcase the uses of plywood. As a result, 18 different kinds of plywood were used in the building.

Double vision

Déjà vu vu vu vu



The Thompson Hall tower was built to look like the Magdalen Tower in Oxford, England. Or was it channeled here by aliens??

**TRUE
CRIME
SPECIAL**

Famous footwear caper a hoax?

What happened to my shoes?

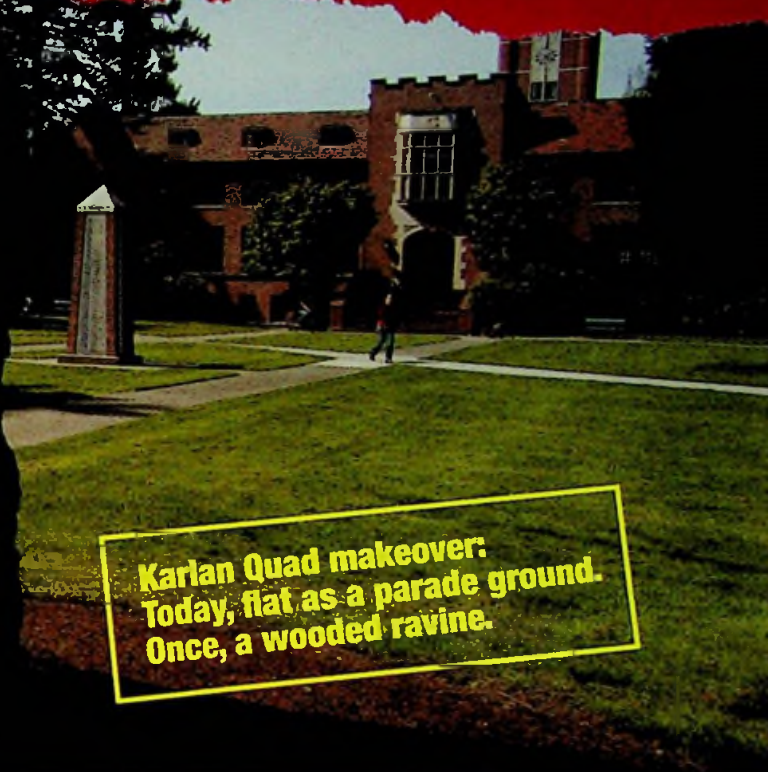
It's autumn 1983. In his role as Pee-Wee Herman, Paul Reubens takes the fieldhouse stage wearing his signature white, elevator shoes. During the performance he takes them off and puts them aside. One of the rabid fans runs up and grabs the shoes, then exits stage left with students and security staff in hot pursuit. Fleet of foot, the thief gets away, but Student Programs Director Serni Solidarios says he found it interesting that minutes later he saw Reubens' manager on the phone with *The Hollywood Reporter*: "Someone stole Pee-Wee's shoes!" We wonder, was it a crime or a brilliant PR ploy?



Buried alive! Shocking tale of survival.

Water, water, everywhere

The area of Tacoma's North End now occupied by the university was once called Spring Hill, for good reason. The remnants of a stream and other water sources run under the campus. That's why in some places the lawns are often saturated, even in summer. At one time there was an 86-foot difference between the highest point on the campus and the lowest point. Karlen Quad was a ravine, and a feature known as Huckleberry Hill at North 11th Street and Union was flattened to fill it. When this was done, rather than cut down the beautiful trees in the future quad, the trees were buried partway up their trunks—not a good thing for tree health, yet they have miraculously survived for more than 50 years! Careful observers can spot the buried trees: They are the ones with trunks that come straight out of the earth like giant fence posts, rather than having roots extending at right angles just below ground level, which is normal.



**Karlen Quad makeover:
Today, flat as a parade ground.
Once, a wooded ravine.**

Rumor unwrapped

THE MUMMY RETURNS

to the Washington State Historical Society

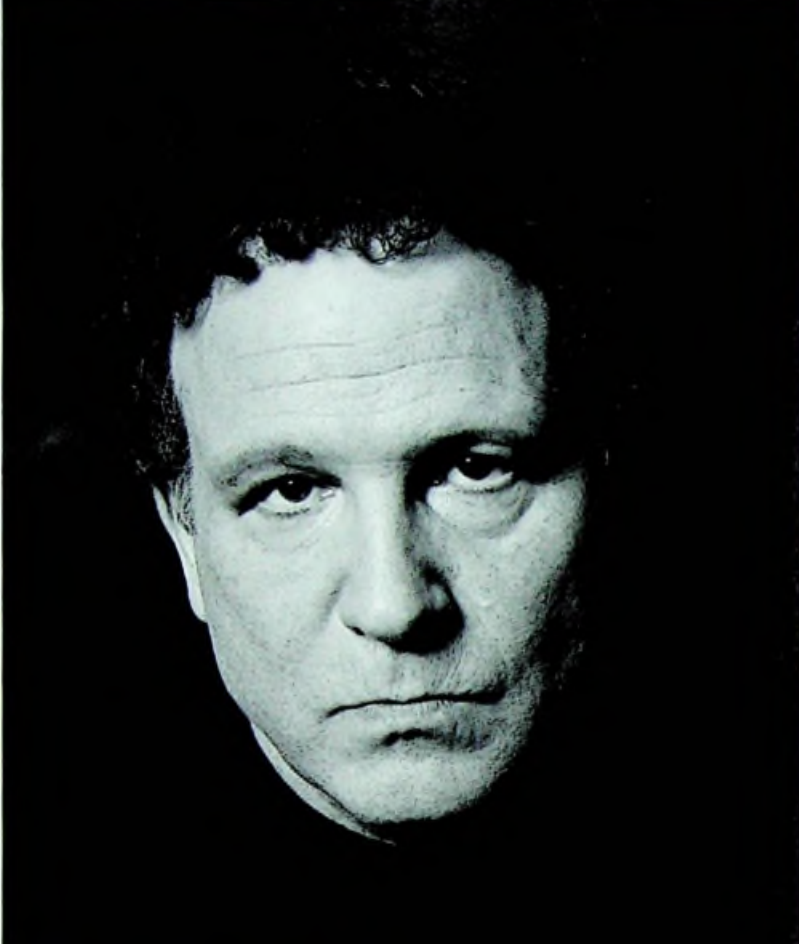
The rumor that the university once displayed a genuine Egyptian mummy in Thompson Hall is true. The Washington State Historical Society loaned the mummy to the university in the '60s. Along with its elaborately painted, hieroglyphics-covered wooden sarcophagus, the mummy was encased for viewing near the biology department on the fourth floor of Thompson. According to physics professor emeritus Frederick Slee, it was a popular attraction that drew school children and adults alike. A request from WSHS prompted the return of the mummy to the museum about 20 years ago. The mummy was originally donated to the WSHS by museum board member and local land developer Allen Mason in 1891. Mason acquired the mummy of Ankh Unnefir, an 8th-century-B.C. priest, while visiting Egypt. A recent CT scan revealed that the priest was 25 to 35 years old at the time of his death. Ankh Unnefir will rest in peace at the WSHS research center; there are no plans for further exhibition due to the museum guidelines regarding display of human remains.





Better late than never

Sly Stone took fans higher and had 'em dancing to the music, but not 'til hours after the show was supposed to start.



Not pleased

Comedian Albert Brooks got stuck keeping a crowd of 6,000 entertained until Sly finally showed up.

'LET 'EM WAIT!'

Several years ago Albert Brooks was a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show, and Oprah asked the comic what was the worst experience he'd ever had in a performance. He instantly responded: "University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington." In the fieldhouse in 1971, it was Brooks' shows that night, each packing the fieldhouse to its capacity back then of 6,000. In a 1999 *Playboy* magazine interview, Brooks filled in the details: "Just before the show, Sly's manager knocked on my door and asked, 'How long is your act?' And I said, 'Well, normally I do, like, 30 minutes, but I'm a little concerned here. Maybe I should do 20 minutes?' And he said, 'What is the longest you can do?' He said, 'Sly is in Ohio.'" The first show didn't begin until the second show was supposed to start, leaving a huge crowd outside in the rain and dark, getting more and more impatient. By the time ticket holders for the second show finally made it to their seats, they were not exactly in a laughing mood.



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Grizz's secret life

• Flosses compulsively!

• Never seen in shorts!

• UCLA? No way!

Arches caught up with Puget Sound mascot Grizz the Logger at his summer home in the Cascade foothills for this brief interview.

Arches: My, what white teeth you have. Are they veneers?

GTL: Grin and bear it, eh? Heh, heh. A little ursine humor there. Seriously, you make me out to be so vain. I'm just a very conscientious brusher and flosser.

Arches: Don't you get hot wearing those long pants all the time?

GTL: Hot? You wanna talk about hot? Bear in mind I'm wearing flannel on top of fur. And, like, I'm a volunteer. I can't afford a different outfit for every season. [Plus, sources say his legs are a little mangy.]

Arches: We've heard gossip that you are considering making the jump to Division I and are in negotiations with UCLA. True?

GTL: Ridiculous. Do I bear any resemblance to a *bruin*? I think not. Once a Logger, always a Logger, I say. Besides, this UPS Loggers beanie is stitched to my head. I can never defect.

Arches: Your body seems out of proportion. It's your head, frankly. It's kinda big.

GTL: Well, I *am* smarter than the average bear.



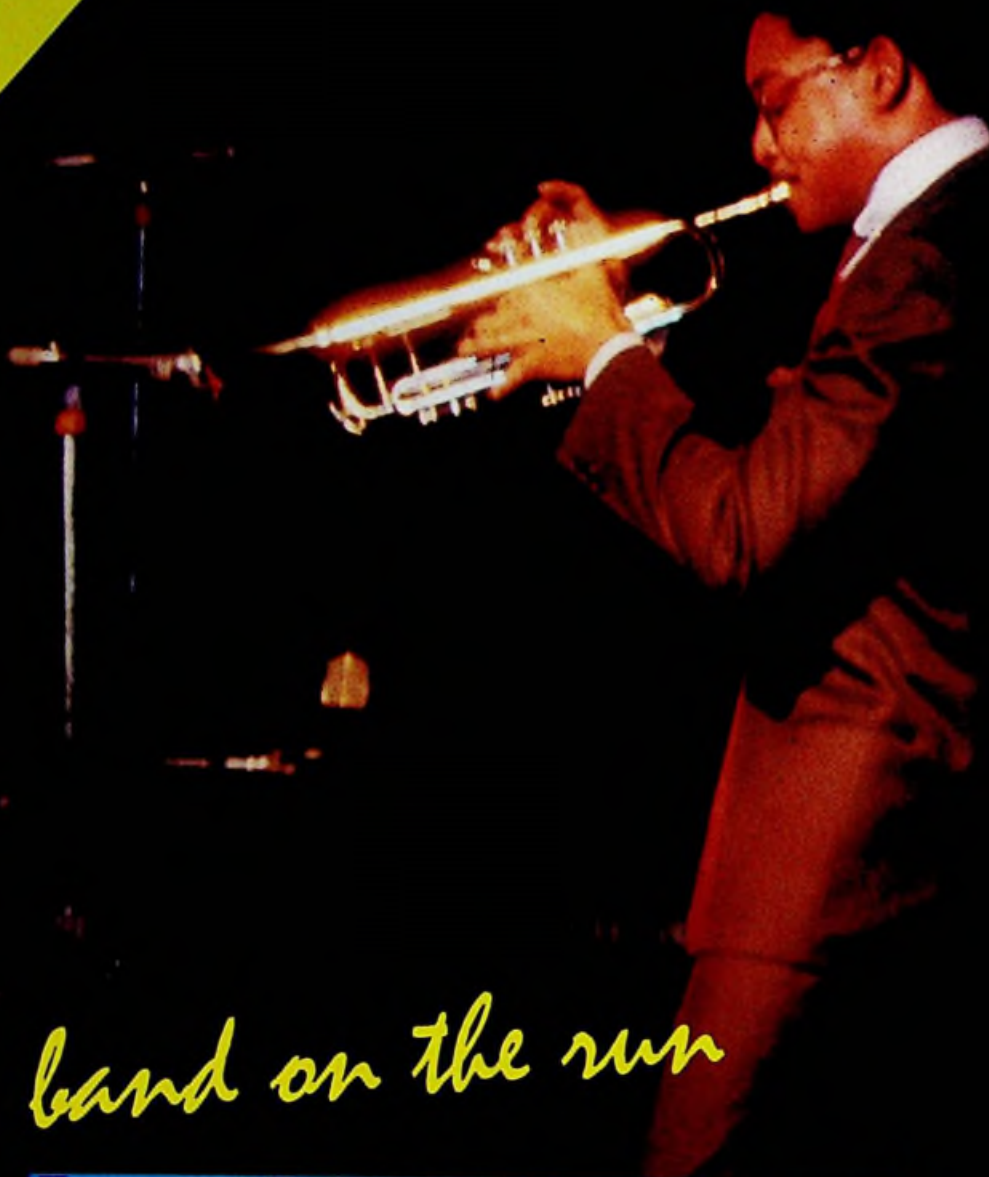
Fieldhouse anomaly:
Don't look now, but the balcony walls are two different heights

Insiders say

East view is best

When Memorial Fieldhouse was under construction, after the cement for the balcony seating on the west side was poured, President Thompson sat down to test the view of the court. He was dismayed to find he couldn't see the near sideline area very well. To avoid the same problem on the opposite side, the east wall was built 12 inches lower. Note to fans under six feet tall: If the balcony front row is your favorite vantage for cheering on the Loggers, sit on the *east* side.

**A
lighter
note ...**



band on the run

Jazz kings rule a different court

In February 1984 the Cultural Events Series hosted jazz artists Wynton and Branford Marsalis for a fieldhouse concert shortly after Wynton became the first to win Grammys in both the classical and contemporary categories in the same year. But the band lost the key to the padlock on their equipment trailer just before their sound check, and while university staff sweated out finding a locksmith on a Sunday, the band seemed unconcerned. In fact they were downright delighted to be in a gym instead of their normal performance venue. They said shooting hoops seemed like a fine use of their time—just as good as a sound check. The university's basketball players and others in the fieldhouse for a workout that afternoon had no idea they were watching some of the greatest jazz musicians in the world having a ball as they tried to convince bystanders to join in their pick-up game.



We knew he was cool, but this?

Fabled Bill Cosby Jell-O sculpture is real ... and it's still intact after 29 years!

Flash back to March 1978. Comedian and long-time Jell-O spokesman Bill Cosby is performing at Memorial Fieldhouse. An art student from Pacific Lutheran sculpts a likeness of Cosby in raspberry Jell-O and appears backstage to present it to him. Cosby, at first speechless, finally finds his voice and politely declines to take the Jell-O with him, saying it would be difficult to carry on the plane home. A kind-hearted university staff member says he'll hold on to the work of art until Cosby can make it back to Tacoma. That was 29 years ago. The staffer, who wishes to remain anonymous, confirms that the Jell-O safely sits to this day in a refrigerator at an undisclosed site. Which causes us to wonder: What is the half-life of Jell-O?

P.S. Ok, we can tell you're skeptical, but we swear the Cosby Jell-O mold lives. We saw it ourselves. It even smells a little like raspberry. Still don't believe us? You can read about it in the *Tacoma News Tribune's* March 16, 2001, article or in *Jell-O: A Biography* by Carolyn Wyman (page 67; Harcourt Publishers).

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BIG PICTURE In April the work of Jason Macaya '99 and 40 other artists was splashed on donated billboards around Los Angeles (Jason's contribution is the dreamy one in the middle) as part of a month-long project put on by Eco-LogicalART. For more on Jason, turn the page.

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classmates

Jason Macaya '99 ✓

To live and paint in L.A.



MASS APPEAL It's estimated that more than 1 million people saw Jason's painting "Light on the Corner" on a billboard in Los Angeles.

For Jason Macaya, making the transition from struggling L.A. actor to starving L.A. artist was nearly seamless. After all, the UPS theater major had already logged the requisite jobs (Waiter? Check. Production assistant? Check. Talent agency peon? Check.), had a built-in loathing for a 9-to-5 office job, and just enough angst and malaise about life in La-La Land to keep him hungry for something better.

"Really, I started painting as a way to deal with living in such a big city," says Jason, who moved to Los Angeles in 2000, hoping to pursue acting. He ultimately studied at the famed Second City theater company and endured his share of "cattle call" auditions. "Friends and roommates noticed me sketching and doodling a lot and asked 'Have you ever thought about painting?' It was then I thought, 'Huh. Why not? Nothing could be worse than my restaurant job.'"

Today, five years into his incarnation as a

working painter, Jason is hardly just another wannabe in a town of dreamers. His signature style is fresh and accessible: swirling, stained-glass like montages of warm colors done in acrylic, inspired he says both by his Pacific Northwest upbringing in Portland and his Chilean heritage. Deep, dark blues and vibrant reds appear plentifully throughout his work.

He has sold 50 pieces out of the 100 or so he's created and has shown his work at various galleries around L.A. In fact, he enjoyed a very public showing of his work in April—along with that of 40 other artists—on billboards around the city as part of a month-long Earth-Day-meets-public-art project put on by the nonprofit arts organization, Eco-LogicalART.

"I appreciated the opportunity to show my work in such a visible way," he says. "I like the idea that random strangers are happening upon these artworks while driving or walking by. The unexpectedness of it all was very appealing. It was another way of interacting with the city."

Jason says Los Angeles life has gotten a bit easier over the years, with UPS connections, whether frequent or fleeting, providing much-needed comfort. He says a group of Loggers who moved to L.A. around the same time has been great for helping with jobs, roommates, and the occasional couch to crash on. "We're all connected. Sometimes loosely, other times quite closely," he says. "But we share the unique experience of our education at UPS."

Lest we think things are *all* rosy down south these days, Jason says he's still very much in starving-artist mode when it comes to making a living. In addition to setting up a more official home studio above his carport ("I only have a 20-second commute!") and planning a new batch of paintings to show this fall, he is also a part-time concierge at the Hollywood Visitor and Information Center and a DJ at L.A.'s famed nightclub The Viper Room.

Oh, and there's the ongoing challenge of fitting in snooze time. "Really, the hardest part about living here is getting regular sleep. There is so much going on every day," he says, admitting he can get wistful for the ease of Northwest life. "I miss it and would like to move back there someday. But, L.A. isn't done with me yet."

You can see more of Jason's art at www.jasonmacaya.com. — Stacey Wilson '96

Alumni news and correspondence

51 Jack Fabulich will retire from the Port of Tacoma Commission at the end of this year. Now 78 years old, he was first elected to the commission in 1977 and served as commission president four times. Port commissioners voted him "honorary chairman" at a February commission meeting. Previously Jack served 12 years as president of Parker Paint Manufacturing Company in Tacoma. He is a member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board, and also is a member of the executive board of the Puget Sound Regional Council, the board of directors of Columbia Bank, Tacoma Elks, the Tacoma Propeller Club, and the board of the Washington Public Ports Association. Jack is a past recipient of Puget Sound Alumni Achievement and Community Service awards.

60 Bob Jones was featured in the *Senior Source Newspaper*, published in Mukilteo, Wash., for his work as director of the award-winning local seniors choir, Sound Singers of Edmonds. A former teacher, Bob's 27-year career in the Shoreline school district included teaching choir, band, and math. He is the pianist for the seniors group at his church and was a Grand Musician for the Mason's Grand Lodge of Washington. Bob is active in Sno-King School Retirees and he, along with his wife of 44 years, **Pat Haugland Jones '63**, directs and cooks for a YMCA summer camp in Spokane.

62 Jerry Thorpe was elected to a one-year term as president of the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation board of trustees. His term began in January upon the conclusion of his two-year term as treasurer. The foundation tries to increase the number of bridge players, increase the enjoyment of playing bridge, and engages in educational activities and research. Jerry also is a member of the ACBL National Board of Governors from the Pacific Northwest.

63 World-renowned artist **Dale Chihuly** was one of this year's Washington State Medal of Merit recipients. Gov. Christine Gregoire and Secretary of State Sam Reed

presented the award at a joint session of the Washington State Legislature on Jan. 24. Dale was recognized for "revolutionizing the studio glass movement in the 1970s" and for his promotion of the arts in the Pacific Northwest. He has received three Governor's Arts and Heritage Awards and a Visual Arts Award given by the American Council for the Arts.

Allen Petrich Jr. is researching a project on the history of shipyards, especially those in the Puget Sound region, and the advancement of naval architecture in the 20th century. He writes: "I would welcome information from my fellow alumni that might bear on these topics, especially information on the great shipyard era of Tacoma. My father, who attended UPS and UW, and grandfather built many fishing boats, especially tuna purse seine boats during the war and pleasure boats after the war. Expert in planing hull design Dair N. Long was one of my father's closest collaborators. The work will cover noted personalities over the decades who associated with the shipyards, people such as Burt McMurtree, Leroy Ostranski (who taught at UPS), Orre Nobles of Hood Canal, and the Petrich and Martinac families, along with other colorful people, organizations, and businesses of the era." Contact Allen at allenpetrich@earthlink.net.

Richard Wiest is heading back to the Pacific Northwest to retire with wife Inta after spending 32 years in Europe. He initially went abroad as a Fulbright scholar and later worked for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. Dick has lived in Romania, Poland, Munich, Germany, and Prague in the Czech Republic.

69 Olivia Gentry Robinson has a new executive investigative business, Background Intelligence, Inc., which supports clients involved in mergers, acquisitions, partnerships, and other transactions (www.backgroundintelligence.com).

Karen Bertholf Tamayo moved with her family to the Philippines in 1997, after working at New York's Goldwater Hospital as an occupational therapist for several years. She tells us: "I am the proud grandmother of a one-year-old baby girl—the first child of my older son, who has a degree in special education. My second son is a communication arts graduate and budding photographer. And my youngest, a girl, will graduate this year in hotel and restaurant management." In the Philippines, Karen is working with the University of Perpetual

Help System. After serving as chancellor of UPHS Laguna for eight years, she was promoted to executive vice president for international and external affairs. Karen is a member of the technical panel for the Commission on Higher Education of the Philippines, which is charged with upgrading the standards of health professions education. She also has been a commissioner for a private accreditation agency serving schools throughout the Philippines and has opened both physical and occupational therapy programs there.

70 Steve Petersen was appointed in March to one of two open seats on the Clatskanie Public Utilities District board of directors in Clatskanie, Ore. He has lived in Rainier, Ore., for 30 years and served as the Rainier city attorney for 25 years. Steve earned his J.D. from Lewis and Clark Law School.

71 Pat Keating Bryant retired as a Puyallup, Wash., school district counselor in 2002. For the past several years she's been involved with Arts Down-town, a volunteer group that puts public art on sidewalks and street corners around the city of Puyallup. Pat will be the organization's chair for the next two years. She previously served as the arts selection chair for the group.

73 Chuck Goodwin writes: "On July 1, 2006, I opened City Chaplain of Bothell, a nonprofit organization that provides chaplain support services to Bothell police and fire personnel and their families, and crisis intervention for Bothell citizens." More information at: www.citychaplain.org.

74 Patricia Weber Dow has a 19-year-old college sophomore and two 17-year-old recent high school graduates. She works as office manager for her husband's business, the Lake George Steamboat Company, in Lake George, N.Y. She adds: "Part of the business is the New Orleans Steamboat Company. The *Natchez* is one of our boats and is typically seen in any big event coverage of New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina didn't damage our boats since they were sheltered upriver. However, our captains and deck hands watched in horror as their

houses and neighborhoods filled with water. They were unable to return for six weeks. The best way to help the people of New Orleans is to vacation there and spend your money, write your congressman, or work with a local church or Habitat for Humanity group. Meet the real people of New Orleans. They're as wonderful a bunch of people as can be found, outside the Northwest of course! I would love to hear from members of our OT 'certificate program' class and wish you all the best!" Contact her at: patricia@lakegeorgesteamboat.com.

75 Roosevelt Mercer Jr. is director of plans and policy for the U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Roosevelt spoke on campus Jan. 25 on the leadership, struggle, and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. He is a ROTC graduate who holds the rank of major general.

76 Steve Lawson and Kerry Tilson Lawson have two sons and live in Tacoma. Steve was appointed to the board of advisors of PeoplePawn, a Seattle-based specialty start-up and financial services company. He's spent more than 25 years in corporate real estate, development, and brokerage. Steve pioneered co-branded Chevron/McDonald's facilities and has managed a portfolio of 500 Advance America payday loan locations.

77 Clay Angle will begin working as head coach of Curtis High School's football program this fall. Clay is a 1973 Curtis graduate who played quarterback while at UPS. He was an assistant coach at Curtis from 1977 to 1986 before taking over as the ninth-grade football coach at Curtis Junior High. Clay returned to the high school last fall as offensive coordinator.

Kevin Billings was sworn in as deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for energy, environment, safety, and occupational health issues on March 12. He will lead the Pentagon-based senior policy and oversight office whose responsibilities include reviewing programs worldwide. Long-term strategies include a commitment to alternative energy sources combined with energy efficiency measures.

Alex Derlugin was appointed president and CEO of MagnaDrive Corporation located in Bellevue, Wash.

78 **Lonnie Dicus** is the plant manager for Central Plant in Beaverton, Ore. The heating and cooling plant was identified as one of 50 top innovative projects in the U.S. by Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

✓ **Terry Swinney B.A.'78, M.B.A.'80** left The Boeing Company after 26 years and retired to Arizona. He writes: "But we found it to be way too quiet for us, so we sold our home and moved to Chicago, where I began a 'new' career with the U.S. General Services Administration. I am still a drilling reservist as a Navy captain working for the chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon. I will complete my 'part-time' career with the Navy in 2008, with more than 42 years of service."

✓ **79** **Kathy Kurfess Burgoni** is finishing a master's for her Pupil Personnel Credential in school counseling this summer and was hired two months ago by Fruitvale Junior High in Bakersfield, Calif., as its school counselor. She adds: "My 13-year-old daughter attends there, so it is quite interesting! I love school counseling and believe that it is the career that I was created for. Hey '79ers, our last few reunions have not been well attended. Let's all make an effort to attend our 30-year reunion in 2009."

✓ **Ed Friedrich** is the military reporter at the *Kitsap Sun*, covering the Naval Base Kitsap and other local military news. He joined the newspaper in 1983 and has served in various capacities over the years, including assistant local news editor, copy editor, and sportswriter.

✓ **Elaine Kraft M.P.A.'79** joined Seattle-based PRR, a communications company, as director of media relations. She has more than 25 years experience in public policy, media outreach, and government relations. Elaine was formerly the communications director for King County.

✓ **80** **Stanley Craig Lachman** sends this update from Denver: "After the dot bomb, I went back to L.A. and was an actor (again) for about five years. After the birth of our now 2-year-old son, I did some technical and marketing consulting and finally joined a client's firm. One of my first sales was to a large Internet service provider, which I was previously the very visible TV spokesperson for. Everything's connected!"

✓ **John Oppenheimer** is CEO and president of Columbia Hospitality based in Seattle. He also is a contributing writer to *Northwest Meetings and Events* magazine, most recently in their spring 2007 issue.

✓ **81** Our alumni climber of huge mountains **Robert Mads Anderson** led treks on the Annapurna Circuit and to Everest Base Camp this spring. Jagged Globe, a company specializing in mountaineering for more than 20 years, organized the expeditions. Robert is the author of *Seven Summits Solo* and *To Everest via Antarctica*. His "real" job is as a creative director and motivational speaker. He recently launched an online portfolio site at www.v-resume.com.

A solo art exhibition by **Glenda Black Guilmet B.A.'81, B.A.'89** titled "You Know" runs from July 25 through August 29 at the Odd Art Gallery in Port Angeles, Wash.

Hughes Panagiotu, where **Tony Panagiotu B.A.'81, J.D.'84** is president and head of the retirement-plan division, took home the South Sound Top Place to Work Award among small/medium businesses at the 2007 *Business Examiner's* awards ceremony on March 13. The company also was an Appreciation Award recipient, based on employee's high marks.

✓ **Roger Soder** is back in the U.S. after retiring from teaching English literature and writing at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan. He's looking forward to hearing from old friends at rogersoder@hotmail.com.

✓ **82** **Colin Elder** was named vice president of Symetra Financial on March 7 and will head the company's commercial mortgage division. Prior to joining Symetra, Colin was vice president for Genworth Financial. He's been in real estate finance for 24 years.

✓ **Karen Jenkins-Johnson's** work as an art dealer with galleries in San Francisco and New York was featured in the Feb. 28 edition of *The San Francisco Chronicle*. She started her working life as a CPA for PricewaterhouseCoopers. After five years she went back to school for an MBA at the University of California, Berkeley, and applied her business degree to art. For more, see www.jenkinsjohnsongallery.com.

✓ **Brad Thayer** was selected as the Cambridge Who's Who Executive of the Year in Distribution and Logistics. He is

Stuart May



classmates

✓ Casey Roloff '95

How to build a town from scratch

Adjacent to Pacific Beach, Wash., about 18 miles north of Ocean Shores, Casey Roloff's new beach community, Seabrook, is abuzz with activity. Construction workers come and go in mud-splattered pickup trucks. Pallets of building materials litter the sidewalks. A street sweeper rumbles down recently paved roads.

Architecturally, the boxy, shingled houses resemble ones you'd see in the North End of Tacoma, or somewhere on



Cape Cod. Yet there's also something surreal about Seabrook.

None of the house lots have lawns. Fences are barely waist high, and sidewalks snuggle up to front porches—inviting easy conversation among neighbors and passersby. Streets are narrow, seemingly more suited to people than to cars.

On one street, a ready-built lemonade stand sits vacant, waiting for an entrepreneurial youngster to set up shop. Old-fashioned bicycles are everywhere. A public green space sports a communal fire pit, stocked with firewood.

Is Seabrook a residential community? A vacation resort? Actually, it's both.

"There are so many subtleties to town building," says Casey, who's built two similar, smaller developments on the Oregon coast.

In its short history, Seabrook, which eventually will comprise

Steve Mason



COTTAGE INDUSTRY In Casey's Seabrook development, sidewalks and porches nearly overlap, making it easy for neighbors to stop and chat. Above: Casey and wife Laura Pfeifer Roloff '97.

400 homes, has already been championed as an example of "new urbanism": a walkable community built using environmentally sustainable practices and "green" construction materials such as reclaimed lumber and low-VOC paints, which release fewer toxins into the air.

But, in Casey's opinion, green is "an overused buzzword right now," and many self-professed new-urbanist developments out there don't quite get it right.

The keys, he says, are to have everything one needs within a five- to 10-minute walk—a community that's built "on a pedestrian scale rather than an automobile scale"—and to use materials that will age gracefully.

"There's nothing greener than building houses that will last hundreds of years," Casey says.

Humble yet self-assured, Casey has long been interested in real estate and development. He graduated from high school with a 1.34 grade point average and attended four different colleges before following his future wife, Laura Pfeifer '97, to Puget Sound. He was denied admission twice before finally getting in.

While in college, he started a painting business, then got his real estate license. Later, he discovered Seaside, Fla.—a visionary community built by Robert Davis, considered a landmark in the new-urbanist movement and named Design of the Decade in 1990 by *Time* magazine.

Washington communities like Oysterville, Port Townsend, Port Gamble, and Tacoma's North End—places built largely before the automobile was introduced—also served as inspiration.

"We're not reinventing anything," Casey says of Seabrook. "We're just learning from the past."

Future plans for Seabrook include a town center, featuring restaurants, retail shops, a grocery store, a bank, and more, without "a 'big box' in sight."

By keeping many of the houses as vacation rentals, and the town and beach open to the public, Casey hopes Seabrook will serve as "a model of a walkable town," of what new development could be, prompting more pedestrian-oriented communities.

— Andy Boynton

More on Seabrook at www.seabrookwa.com.

president and COO of DSW Distribution Centers, Inc., responsible for logistics management. Brad also is involved with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

✓ **John Thomas** was hired as a partner in Perkins Coie's business law practice in Portland, Ore. Previously he was a partner in Stoel Rives' Portland office. He has more than 15 years experience practicing in the public and private business sectors. John earned his J.D. from Lewis and Clark Law School.

✓ **83 Don Bennett B.A.'83, J.D.'86** became deputy director of the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board on March 16. Before that he was interim executive director of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board since July 2006. Don has served in the Washington Army National Guard since 1988 and was deployed to Iraq for a year in 2004–05. He is the primary legal

program is warranted in a country with rudimentary health systems and record keeping. It was an extremely rewarding experience, and I encourage everyone to find a way to help other countries and peoples. After spending weeks in one of the poorest countries on earth, I realized that our lives are truly blessed. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 25th reunion in 2008."

✓ **84 Daniel Cummings** joined Fleishman-Hillard as a senior vice president and group practice leader for the energy and litigation communications groups in their Chicago office. He's worked in law, politics, and corporate communications for more than 20 years. Dan adds: "My wife, Beth, and our children, Andrew, 9, Robert, 5, and Claire, 3, have now survived two winters in Chicago. We anxiously look forward to watching the Mariners, White Sox, and Cubs play this

Jackson, 7, and Levi, 4." Blake works with Colliers International in Tacoma. You can contact him at blakego@comcast.net.

✓ **Jeff Jones** is co-founder of Itrinium, a network security and design firm that specializes in helping businesses comply with stricter requirements to protect data.

✓ **90 Donna Nehila** was promoted to director of match engine development at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, effective Feb. 18. She is responsible for managing the team that develops the functionality for Globex, CME's electronic trading platform. Donna earned her MBA from DePaul University in Chicago.

✓ **91 Theresa "Terry" Polak** sends this update: "My spouse, Hadley, and I will be

services for Hale Makua, one of the oldest long-term care facilities on the island.

✓ **93 Howard Green** has been on one adventure after another, and he makes a living at it! Even before receiving a Cunningham Fellowship in 1993 that led him down Darwin's trail, he spent summers at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico as a paleontology assistant. He received a postbaccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award for his work on a joint project of the Smithsonian Institution and the National Institutes of Health to isolate DNA from the bones of mastodons. Howard then spent the next four years as a trek leader in Central America, the Southwest United States, and Alaska with an adventure-travel company. Needing a change, he headed for the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska and worked as a sea kayak guide and manager of a wilderness lodge. He's now in Sedona, Ariz., with

Hari Sreenivasan '95 joined CBS News as a correspondent in its Dallas bureau.

advisor to the commander of the 81st Brigade Combat Team and holds the rank of lieutenant colonel.

✓ **Dave Elliott** tells us that several Class of 1983 alumni—**Malia Ramler, R. Kent Torrey, Kerry Gibson Morris,**

✓ **Geri Sato, Marga Coennecke, Leslie Crow, and Gretta Jensen**—were also classmates and 1979 graduates of Punahou School in Honolulu, along with his wife, **Claire Ackerman Elliott.**

Incidentally, Barack Obama is another member of the 1979 graduating class at Punahou! Dave sends this update: "I spent most of last October in Ethiopia helping with a polio eradication program. My father and I joined a group of 60 people from Washington, British Columbia, Hawai'i, and Maine that traveled to Addis Abbaba and surrounding areas to participate in an immunization program. I lived in Ethiopia for three years as a boy, so this was an opportunity for my father and me to return and try to do some good. The good news is that in the last five years this program has succeeded in immunizing almost all children—our focus was on newborn to one-year-olds. The bad news is that war in Somalia, Eritrea, and Sudan bring in refugees that re-establish the disease and so a continuing immunization

year. We live in the suburb of Hinsdale, Ill., and are keeping busy with Little League baseball, soccer, church, scouts, preschool, and all of the museums and other activities the Midwest region has to offer."

✓ **Bridget Gourley** is a professor of chemistry and biochemistry and chair of the department at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. She joined the faculty there as an instructor in 1988. Bridget received a Distinguished Professor Award for 2007–09 given for sustained excellence in teaching, service, and professional accomplishment. She also has been active in the Council on Undergraduate Research for more than 10 years and was the local organizer of the council's 2006 national conference held at DePauw.

✓ **John Pilcher** was named COO for the city of Spokane, Wash., in February, after two years in the city's economic development department. He worked for a local development company in Spokane before that. John earned his MBA from Harvard University.

✓ **89 Blake Goldberg** and his wife, Nicole, have been married for eight years. He writes: "We have two beautiful children,

celebrating our 15th anniversary on Nov. 25—Woohoo! We have owned a small house on Proctor Street for 10 years and have several 'children' of the furry kind, including two dogs and one cat. I sing with the Seattle Women's Chorus for fun. I would love to hear from any college friends and catch up on old times. My e-mail address is tpollak68@msn.com."

✓ **Robert Rozehnal** earned his master's in South Asian studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1995, and completed his Ph.D. in Islamic studies and the history of religions at Duke University in 2003. He is now the Frank R. Hook Assistant Professor of Islam, South Asian Religions, and Religion Studies at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. Robert's research interests include the history and practice of Sufism in South Asia, along with ritual studies, postcolonial theory, and religious nationalism. Lest you think he's all work and no play, Robert enjoys skiing, biking, and music in his spare moments.

✓ **92 Alan Visltaclon** was named accounting supervisor for Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc., on Maui. Previously he was interim budget director for the County of Maui and director of fiscal

wife Yvonne, as owner and operator of Redstone Tours (www.redstonetours.com), offering adventures in the Sedona and Grand Canyon areas.

✓ **94 Dani Munsell Howard** catches us up: "In 2002 I married Rob Howard and

✓ moved to Connecticut. **Darrell Hunt '95** composed one of the songs in our wedding. He and wife **Wendy Gruber Hunt '96**, along with **Song Kim** (attended UPS in 1990–92) sang it. Darrell also performed the marriage ceremony!

✓ **Shanda Lowery Sachs** was one of my bridesmaids. My first commercial CD was released in 2004 on the Albany Records label. I sang a leading role in Christoph Willibald Gluck's one-act opera, *Il Parnaso confuso*. Also in 2004 and 2005, **Christine Padaca Fuoco '95** and I did two recitals at Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio, where she's a faculty member. Christine played for all my recitals during my senior year at UPS, so it was great to get to work with her again. I made my New York debut in 2005 (and got my first *Times* review) at Merkin Hall, singing a leading role in another Gluck one-act, *La Corona*. That performance was recorded live and released by Albany Records later that year. In March

2005, my three housemates from UPS, **Gwynne Kuhner Brown '95**, Shanda, and **Janet Utterback** joined me for a benefit concert in my hometown of Chehalis, Wash. We raised over \$13,000 for the Dollars for Scholars program and Pope's Kids Place, a nonprofit providing respite care for kids with special healthcare needs, and a general pediatric clinic and dental clinic for low-income children. In January 2006 our first child, Jackson Page Howard was born. He is already a musician, specializing in percussion, and enjoys listening to singing. I am currently teaching part time and preparing for summer auditions while I stay home with my son. I also volunteer with the Guilford Youth Mentoring Program at the local high school and serve on its board of directors as the public relations chair. I've been mentoring since 2002." See more on Dani's singing career at www.daniellemunsellhoward.com.

Sarah Watson Lee sends this update: "I work as a senior associate for Gierke, Curwen, Metzler, and Erie, P.S. Before that I was in-house counsel for Allstate Insurance Company, and, prior to that, staff counsel for State Farm Insurance Company. I represent a number of insurance companies, municipal corporations, and entities, and practice commercial and insurance defense work. I am active in the Pierce County Minority Bar Association (president in 2002 and 2005), Washington Women Lawyers, Washington Bar Association, and am currently a board member of the Pierce County YWCA. I am single and have two children Caleb, 5, and Gabriel, 9. I am planning to be a judge within the next 5-10 years. Life is great."

Sally McNair left the classroom in Issaquah, Wash., after nearly nine years of teaching high school social studies and math to complete an internship with the Washington Education Association. She adds: "Last July I was hired as a UniServ Representative (a.k.a. Union Goon) for the northeast corner of the state and now live and work in Spokane. I represent public school teachers and other education employees and love the variety and challenges of the work."

95 The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* featured **Kelly David Kenney** in his new gig as chef at Smash Wine Bar and Bistro located in Seattle's Wallingford district. For the past 10 years he's worked at the 2nd Street Café in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Alia Harper Lord and husband Jay welcomed second son Henley Nohea Lord to their family on Dec. 1, 2006. Alia adds: "We are enjoying life on our acreage in Gales Creek, Ore. For anyone wanting to catch up, I can be reached at alialord@hotmail.com."

Kevin Price was appointed chief investment officer for Interlake Capital Management in Madison, Wis. He will direct Interlake's Allocation and Alpha portfolios. Kevin earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2002 and previously worked at Merrill Lynch and Company before joining Interlake. You can contact him at kevin@interlakecapital.com.

Harl Sreenivasan joined CBS News as a correspondent in its Dallas bureau effective March 12. He previously was co-anchor of ABC's *World News Now* and *America This Morning*, and has reported for *World News Tonight* and *Nightline*. Hari was a correspondent for ABC *NewsOne* before joining *News Now* in 2004, and worked as anchor and senior correspondent for CNET in San Francisco before that.

96 **Calvin Guerrero** is the principal of Mount Carmel High School on the island of Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands. He also serves on the Northern Marianas College board.

Jolene Jang appeared on *The Montel Williams Show* on April 10 to encourage people to speak up and make a difference. As a victim of voyeurism, Jolene has led a crusade to reform laws in Washington state to protect personal privacy. See what else Jolene's been up to at www.funspecialist.com.

Kathy Hawley Steadman writes: "After 10 years of marriage, we took the plunge into parenthood. Stuart and I are the proud parents of a baby boy, Samuel Joseph Steadman, who was born on Dec. 27, 2006." The family lives in Normandy Park, Wash.

97 **Andrew Frost M.A.T. '97** will take over as principal of R.A. Long High School in Longview, Wash., at the beginning of the 2007-08 school year. He was the assistant principal at Cascade High School in Everett, Wash. Andrew began his career as a high school science teacher in Gig Harbor.

Ryan Glover together with wife **Jenne Snodgrass Glover** opened their business, Armworks Hand Therapy, in March 2006. Jenne sends this update: "It has been a year of hard work, long days, and leaps of faith, but we have enjoyed every minute of it! After Ryan graduated from the school of occupational therapy, he worked in hospital settings for eight years before scratching this entrepreneurial itch. In those eight years he explored many avenues of OT before settling on (and loving) Certified Hand Therapy. The venture has proven to be both successful and fun. I continue to raise our three boys ages 5, 3, and 5 months, while also working part time taking care of the administrative end of the business. Armworks Hand Therapy has two locations in Oregon—Portland and Gresham—both treating injuries of the hand, wrist, and elbow. We would love to hear from fellow classmates. E-mail us at jenne@armworks.net."

Melissa Wentworth Simpson writes: "On Feb. 18, 2007, our son, Connor Jason, was born. My husband, Jason, is now a stay-at-home dad, and I am still a computer applications specialist at Weyerhaeuser in Federal Way, Wash."

Angela Strickland received a second bachelor's degree in fine art from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco in 2007. She works as an interior architect for Orlando Diaz-Azcuy Design Associates in San Francisco, designing interiors for high-end residential/commercial spaces. Angela has a great blog site that showcases inspiring, innovative, and interesting design elements she finds all over the world. Check it out at www.studiowellspring.blogspot.com.

98 **Amanda Normand Similien** and husband Harold welcomed Jared Oliver Similien to their family on Sept. 5, 2006. Amanda writes: "Jared rules the roost, especially now that he is fully mobile and a toddler maniac! We love parenting and sharing him with our wider 'village.' My parents sold the bed and breakfast they had owned for 16 years, and which I had managed the last two and a half years, in January. I am now working for the economic development department here in Brunswick, Maine. We enjoyed several UPS visits this year, including **Kirsten Morningstar Calvo** and her husband, whose band came to play in July, and **Janile Westrum Stone** visited with her husband, Chris, and daughter Ashlyn in November. We look

forward to other alum gatherings this summer and welcome anyone coming to New England to look us up!" Contact Amanda at ahjsimilien@gwi.net.

Paula Welling was director of community relations for the Tacoma Sabercats hockey team, but with a degree in biology and a passion for animals she decided to attend year-round the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine on St. Kitts, West Indies. Now Paula is a veterinarian on staff at Kellogg Pet Medical Center in Idaho.

00 **Brian Billings** is head baseball coach for the Loggers. He was Pierce College's head coach in 2000 and 2001 and has been on staff at UPS since the 2003 season. The Loggers finished strong this year with a 14-10 record in Northwest Conference play.

01 **Michael Henson** was promoted to assistant vice president of Columbia Bank's 176th and Meridian branch in Puyallup, Wash. He will continue in his role as branch manager. Michael began at Columbia Bank as an intern while still in college. He also serves on the Finance Committee of the Graham Business Association, is a board member for the Bethel Educational Scholarship Team, and is a reading tutor.

02 **Julie Garner B.S.'02, D.P.T.'05** was promoted to clinic manager of the Fife, Wash., location of Apple Physical Therapy. She has been on staff at the clinic since 2005.

04 **Kat Griffin** writes: "I just started a new job working for Babycenter LLC (a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson). I work in downtown San Francisco and am surrounded by everything related to pregnancy and parenting!"

Anna Hadley is the benefits coordinator at Big Sky Ski Resort in Big Sky, Mont. She writes: "Last November I volunteered in northern Thailand for three weeks with my boyfriend. We lived in a small village and built a bridge with the villagers. It was an incredible experience!" Anna also traveled to Costa Rica in January for vacation and spent as much time as possible skiing on the weekends this winter. She adds: "I keep busy between



WINNER The women's cross country team at Bellarmine Prep conspired to enter Matt, their coach, in a contest that would send him to Kenya to train with elite distance runners there. They pulled it off. He won, and spent a month trying to keep up with these guys.

classmates

Matt Ellis '94

Running for it

As Matt Ellis drove the Tacoma Bellarmine Preparatory School girls' cross-country team to the high school state championships in November, he was confident his athletes were focused on running, which they were, but not exactly on Pasco, Wash., the site of their meet. They were thinking about a place much further east—the Republic of Kenya.

Organizers of a program known as chasingKIMBIA (the name is derived from a Swahili word meaning "to run") had begun a contest that would send an American runner to live and train at the Kenyan elite athlete camp in Iten. The girls were plotting to get Matt to Africa.

As he concentrated on the road unfolding in front of the school's minibus, Matt's runners were clandestinely composing

letters in their notebooks on their coach's behalf, helped by biographical information they had secretly obtained from his wife, Nancy. When they returned from Pasco, they sent the letters to chasingKIMBIA.

Kenya has almost mythical status among distance runners. Those with long memories will recall Kenyan Kipchoge Keino defeating American Jim Ryun in the 1,500 meters at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, thus putting his country on the athletic map. More recently Kenyan runners have dominated the Boston Marathon, winning all but two of the men's titles in the past 17 years.

Matt finally found out what was going on when chasingKIMBIA notified him he was one of 19 semi-finalists who had been winnowed down from nearly 200 entrants.

"In my 21 years in athletics, I have never been as surprised and humbled as I was yesterday," Matt wrote in the essay he submitted for consideration to become a finalist. "For the athletes of Bellarmine Prep to write essays on my behalf, to enter me into a contest that they know I would love to participate in as a runner, a coach, and a person, is humbling."

A week later, one of his athletes came into class and casually asked if he'd checked the chasingKIMBIA Web site lately. To Matt's astonishment, he learned he was one of seven finalists.

Now the girls really pulled out the stops. They campaigned tirelessly during Thanksgiving week, urging their friends to cast online votes for their coach. Their campaign worked. Matt not only won the popular vote but also the "electoral" vote—he received more judges' votes than any other finalist. ChasingKIMBIA asked Matt's athletes to break the news to him while they documented his reaction on video.

This victory was almost certainly the high point of a running career that began at Seattle's Bishop Blanchet High School. After graduation in 1989, Matt entered UPS and had two relatively undistinguished years as a runner. A collision with a steeplechase barrier sidelined him for part of his freshman year, while he suffered from mononucleosis as a sophomore. Then he blossomed as part of a group that, he says, "helped build something while we were there." He was one of five seniors who went to NAIA nationals in track and earned All-America honors.

With a degree in English literature, Matt followed his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather into teaching after a brief stint in pharmaceutical research. Hired at Bellarmine to teach history and psychology in 1997, he quickly gravitated to coaching. He developed Brie Felnagle, Washington's greatest female prep distance runner, whose 4:39.71 mile in 2005 is a state all-time best and fifth fastest in U.S. history. Now at the University of North Carolina, she's training under the auspices of the Olympic Development Program with an eye on next year's Olympics.

While Matt still finds time to run 50–70 miles each week and boasts personal bests of 14:40 in the 5K and 2:31 in the marathon, he says, "I have no illusions of grandeur. I recognize my level of talent and found my ceiling. So my primary emphasis is on coaching."

This emphasis has obviously endeared Matt to his athletes. In her nominating essay, one of his runners wrote, "The single most deserving person of this opportunity is my high school cross-country coach, Matt Ellis. Known to all as just 'Ellis,' he has dedicated his life to the Bellarmine women's running program. Since he began coaching here in 1998, he has stressed his full commitment to the team and willingness to sacrifice his time, effort, and energy to mentor and train any runner who wants his help."

So his departure on a chilly day in mid-January was both a reward and heartfelt note of thanks. He landed in Nairobi to 70-degree weather and quickly entered a state of near nirvana.

"It was sort of a homecoming," he said. "In the U.S., distance runners are second-class citizens. In Kenya there was an article in the papers on track or running every day. It was great to be in a place where other people value what you also value."

"I met with the guys every morning. But I couldn't do every workout. It was very humbling, at 7,000 feet, to try to hang on to world-class marathoners." He has especially vivid memories of a 10K time trial. "They told me to just do a 5K, and it was super hard. I got drilled but it was invigorat-

ing and well worth it."

The trip was much more than a chance to literally rub shoulders with top marathoners. Matt also visited a number of schools. Perhaps the most meaningful encounter was meeting Brother Colm O'Connell, who has taught at St. Patrick's School in Iten for more than three decades, and who, since 1989, has directed the Iten Athletics Training Center, a month-long camp in April and December. He has played a vital role in establishing the Kenyan distance running tradition.

The primary reason for this tradition? Matt gave this explanation in one of his blog entries on the chasingKIMBIA Web site: "'Number one,' Bro. Colm says, while he grabs his left pinkie finger with his right hand, 'daily rhythm.' Any observing eye can sense the beautiful rhythm with which a Kenyan runs. The life of a young Kenyan is one of natural rhythm. Up with sunrise—often to bed with sunset. Most Kenyans don't have watches, and even if they do, many if not most, can tell the time of day without it."

In another entry Matt noted, "Be Present: the most important comment of Brother Colm's impromptu coaching clinic this afternoon. Being present allows for spontaneity in life—but also in training and racing. People [here] are present—present in the moment—present to other people," he wrote on the Web site. "Not attached to computers, TV, video games, but attached to people."

He left Kenya on February 12, nearly a month after his arrival, bearing memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime.

"There were many, many high points," he concluded. "I definitely want to go back. I'd love to take my wife and maybe even a couple of athletes." — Jim Whiting

You can read more of Matt's thoughts on his time in Kenya at www.chasingKIMBIA.com



HOMECOMING Six of the seven young women on the Bellarmine 2007 varsity cross country team met Matt at Sea-Tac airport when he returned.

work and spending time with friends. Life is great!"

Jordan Hanssen is compiling onboard logs, net blogs, preface e-mail messages, and transcripts from video footage covering OAR Northwest's record-breaking North Atlantic crossing. He hopes to paint a clearer picture of the community of people that helped make their endeavor successful.

Kiki Nichols sends this update: "After graduation I moved home to Colorado and started reporting for a local paper. I worked my way up to assistant editor and realized I loved my job, but still wanted to explore other types of reporting. So I pursued my master's in journalism at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism to focus on broadcasting. While at Northwestern I produced, anchored, and reported for WYCC-PBS Chicago. I was also a political correspondent in Washington, D.C., for a Kansas television station. I graduated from Northwestern in August 2006, and I started my first on-air reporting job at KOLN-KGIN TV in Lincoln, Neb., at the end of October. I cover stories ranging from house fires to Senator Ben Nelson's visit to Lincoln. Recently I got to tag along on an ROTC training mission aboard a Chinook Army helicopter. I just won my first Associated Press award for general news reporting excellence in Nebraska."

David Scheinfeld finished two years on the West Coast instructing for the Outward Bound and Second Nature Wilderness programs. He's now researching mental health services and policy for Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Ineliz Soto finished her term with AmeriCorps last summer, serving under-represented students in Tacoma's Hilltop area. Much of what she learned she's applied in her new job as a multicultural college admissions counselor. Ineliz says: "I am enjoying life and the relationships I still have with students I mentor in Tacoma."

Aaron Thomson was a member of the University of Washington School of Law team that swept the regional round of the National Moot Court Competition in November 2006. Over 150 law schools compete in the regional rounds throughout the United States each year. He also was one of three students to represent the UW at the 57th Annual National Moot Court Competition final rounds in New York City in January. The team took first place!

05 Kira Doley is manager of the Tacoma Farmer's Market. She also is the acting executive director for the Washington State Farmers Market Association. Kira serves on the board of the WSFMA and is the contact person for Advocates for Families and Farms, a coalition aimed at strengthening the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

Kate Pipal sends this report: "I received a full-time position in February working as an educator for Denver's Downtown Aquarium. I've been having a blast teaching school groups about coral reefs, squid anatomy, and sensational sharks! I am also in the process of designing part of the curriculum for the upcoming summer camps. I work two days a week at the stingray touch pool and survived my first bite! They are actually very gentle animals—one was just very excited to eat and gave me a little pinch on my hand by accident. I have plans this summer to travel to Greece with fellow UPS graduate and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sister **Megan Stump**. Hope all is well in Washington. I hope to move back up there in the next couple of years, I just have to wait for the right job!"

06 Sara Ekelund Higgins D.P.T.'06 began work as a physical therapist at the Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay, Ore., in August 2006. She writes: "I love my job and have been enjoying all the recreational activities my home state has to offer, including surfing, snowboarding, kayaking, hiking, and more! I have returned to being an active member of the dance community in Coos Bay/North Bend, performing African dance and teaching modern dance at North Bend High School and Pacific School of Dance."

Matt Perry was promoted to political director for U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash. He will manage Smith's re-election campaign in 2008 and also help coordinate efforts for other campaigns the congressman will be supporting, including Barack Obama's presidential bid and Gov. Christine Gregoire's re-election. Matt was an intern in Rep. Smith's office as a sophomore, then studied the European Union abroad for a semester as a junior with the IES (International Education of Students) program, and worked on the re-election campaign of U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks.

Scrapbook



Edward Horne, Jr.'70 and Cheryl Cooper were married in Tacoma on Sept. 15, 2006. A high school classmate of Ed's, Judge Beverly Grant, performed the ceremony. The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Cheryl and Ed live in Louisville, Ky., where Ed continues to work for that other UPS as an assistant chief pilot for the company's 747-400 fleet. Cheryl is an attorney with the Louisiana State Legislature.



Kazuyo Yamane M.A.'76, whose mother was born in Tacoma and whose father was a Hiroshima survivor, earned her master's at UPS in Japanese-American literature as a way to understand her heritage. Because of her father's experience, she became interested in peace research and education. Kazuyo was asked to attend the first International Conference of Peace Museums in 1992, in part because of her ability to communicate in English. The third international conference was held in Kyoto, Japan. At that time she was asked to edit a newsletter of the Japanese network of peace museums, titled *Muse*. This led to doctoral work in peace studies. Kazuyo earned her Ph.D. from the University of Bradford in England in 2006. She now teaches international issues, peace studies, gender issues, and English as a part-time lecturer at Kochi University in Japan. Here she is with her doctoral supervisor, Peter van den Dungen, on graduation day.

Submitting photos for the Scrapbook

If it's an important event in your life, it's important to your UPS friends—send a picture to *Arches*. High-resolution digital photos or prints preferred. Kindly include a note identifying alumni in the snapshot. Also, please, for baby pictures, include alumni parents in the photo. Send to *Arches*, attn: Cathy Tollefson, University of Puget Sound, Office of Communications, 1500 N. Warner St., Tacoma WA 98416-1041 or e-mail to arches@ups.edu.

Newly married alumni: kindly let the university know about name changes and new addresses at www.ups.edu/content/update.shtml



Tina George Stretz B.S. '97, M.A.T. '98 and husband Curtis welcomed their second daughter, Sadie Ann Stretz on April 9, 2006. She joins big sister Izabelle, 3. Tina writes: "I would love to hear from friends at cdstretz@netscape.net."



Brenda Hanning '92 and **Corey Hoyt** were married on Aug. 12, 2006. They knew each other as teenagers, went their separate ways after high school, and found each other again. From left: Corey, Brenda, and Corey's dad, UPS Instructor of Chemistry Tim "The Wizard" Hoyt, who has been putting on chemistry "wizard" shows for Northwest-area schools for 35 years.



Sara Ward '00 traveled to the tiny African nation of Rwanda through the First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, Wash., last July. She writes: "Our team's biggest role was as an ambassador from the West. With 65 people—primarily from the U.S. and Australia—we were quite a sight in such a remote place. Now I know what it's like to be a celebrity because everywhere we went children would come screaming 'Muzungus' (white people) and waving. The most amazing thing I witnessed in Rwanda was the reconciliation and rebuilding between the two ethnic groups that had been at war. I think about how hard it is for us in America to forgive one another for inconsequential things. In Rwanda a man may have killed your entire family, yet the people are able to forgive one another and live as neighbors and friends. I wouldn't have believed it was possible if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes. What an example for us all. I may be back here in Bellevue, but part of my heart is still in Africa. It's good to be reminded of how blessed we really are here in the U.S. and how much we have to give."



Mac Salway '99 and **Jessie Rumps '01** were married on July 9, 2006, on the main street of Hope, Alaska. **Ben Jimenez '99** (in a magnificent green tuxedo) officiated the ceremony. Loggers in attendance included, back from left **Judson Greif '01**, **Emily Clark-Welch Greif '01**, **Eric Klein '00**, **Lesley Boyers Rhoades '01**, **Katie Pittenger '01**, **Rebecca Harrison '01**, **Arthur Griffith '99**, **Ben**, **Stephanie Velle '01**, and **Andy Weldmann B.S. '01, M.A.T. '05**. Front and center: the bride and groom. The couple live in Anchorage with their dogs, Louise and Jake. Jessie teaches math and science at an alternative high school for at-risk teens, and Mac is a wetlands biologist for an environmental engineering firm.



✓ **Matt McGinnis '00** and **Alicia Piedalue '00** were married in August 2006 on a ranch in Darby, Mont. Many UPS alums and friends were there to help celebrate, from left: Brie McDow, **Michael Hamilton '99**, **Jason Kirkham '99**, Lina Mouten, **Renee Kaufman McKechnie '99**, **Evan McKechnie '99**, **Mark Zebelman '00**, **Rochelle Nguyen '99**, the bride and groom, **Matt Lay '99**, **Carl Arevalo '00**, **Scott Leonard '00**, **Sara Murray '00**, **Chris Jones B.A. '99**, **M.A.T. '01**, **Matt Rinkoff '00**, **Kevin Kralman '00**, Kerry Person, **Mary Sabin Person '00** (then pregnant with Madeline Marie Person, born Oct. 4, 2006), **Laura Nichols '00**, and Charlie Butler. In 2006 Matt graduated from Boston College Law School, where he served as editor in chief of the Boston College Law Review. The couple is living in Albuquerque, N.M., while Matt clerks for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and Alicia works as a staffing manager for Microsoft. They plan to return to Boston in September.



✓ **Scott Grover '97**, **Deborah Avner Grover '98**, and daughter Ryleigh, 2, welcomed Mayah Rain Grover to the family last June. They live in Bellevue, Wash., where Scott is a recruiting lead for Clearwire Corporation and Deb is the founder and strategic director of BellySock (www.bellysock.com), the maker of a maternity garment. Deb and Scott are both just a few quarters away from completing their M.B.A. degrees at Seattle University.



✓ **Holly Newman '00** and Sean Cahill were married in Jackson, Wyo., on Aug. 5, 2006. The wedding party included, back row from left: Ethan Steinburg, Tom Cahill, Gavin Fine, and Kirk Kessler. Front, from left: Stephanie Lyon, Annie Gartner, the bride and groom, Kristy McChesney, and **Sarah Blawat Beldin '00**. Other UPS alums present for the celebration were **Cort Beldin '99**, **Erin Phell '99**, and **Ethan Valenstein '00**. The couple live in Jackson.



✓ **Stephanie Taylor '00** sends this update: "On Dec. 9, I competed in the Campeonato Nacional Peruano de Kite Surfing in Paracas, Peru (Peruvian National Kite Surfing Championship). I came in fourth in the women's category. I have been living and teaching at an international school in Lima for the past four years. Right now I'm traveling around South America for a few months before moving to New Zealand. Check out my blog about Peru at www.steph-peru.blogspot.com." You also can contact Stephanie at odetofrith@hotmail.com.



Heather Herrod '04 tells us: "After graduation I moved back home to Las Vegas and last year transferred to the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino to head up the special events department. I soon found I needed staff. **Kasey Stanislaw '05** tracked me down through the alumni network and I hired her immediately. Six months later we hired **Nikki Esposito '06** to join our team. We certainly miss our alma mater, but have the UPS spirit here in Vegas." Pictured at a recent baseball themed slot tournament, from left: Kasey, Heather, and Nikki.



Katy Ratz '01 married Isaac Mooberry on Sept. 3, 2006, at the Lewis River Golf Course in Woodland, Wash. Katy and Isaac met while attending Western States Chiropractic College in Portland, Ore. The couple were honored by many loved ones who joined the celebration, including Katy's UPS friends and Kappa Alpha Theta sisters. In attendance were: **Amy Anderson Krajcer '01**, **Jennifer Meisberger '01**, **Tara Lunde '01**, **Abby Redwine '01**, Katy, maid of honor **Katie Marcus '01**, **Laurel Gavell '01**, **Heidi Barker Gloude mans '01**, **Mary Kay Davis Jurovcik '01**, and **Kit Clark '01**. Tara and Laurel helped celebrate by reading two poems during the ceremony. Also in attendance, though not pictured, were **Anna Stotzer '01**, **Chris Peterson '00**, and **Andy Gloude mans '99**. In January Katy and Isaac packed up and moved to Katy's home state of Colorado to enjoy the sunshine, the mountains, and to start a chiropractic practice together.



Alyssa Norris '01 and **Cameron Phillips '02** were married on June 24, 2006, in the Rose Garden at The Hudson Gardens and Event Center in Littleton, Colo. The two met at UPS during Cameron's sophomore year and Alyssa's junior year. The wedding party included, back from left: Christin Drake, Emily Phillips, the groom and bride, **Carolyn James '01**, **Maura Lasater '01**, and **Jaimie Schwartz Penberthy B.M. '01**, **M.A.T. '02**. Front, from left: Joe Sample, Bill McDonald, Austin Norris, Jamie Balco, and Matt Penberthy. Other Puget Sound alums in attendance were **Joy Fischer '00**, **Robin Dornfeld Lindsey '00**, **Justin Lindsey '99**, **Kevin Burke '02**, **Casey O'Neill '02**, and **Sherwin Baghai '02**. The couple live in Seattle, where Cameron is a second-year medical student at the University of Washington, and Alyssa is in her first year of graduate studies in public affairs at the UW.



Dusty Marcell '03 married Kyle Longie on July 12, 2006, in Wailea, Hawai'i. There to help celebrate were, from left: Drew Marcell, Shelby Marcell, Jeff Brusven, the groom and bride, **Beth Talmi '03**, **Rishia Abe '03**, and Courtney Patterson. The couple honeymooned in Hawai'i and reside in Seattle.



Michelle Ramer '02 and Ryan Kinkade were married on Oct. 1, 2005, in Portland, Ore. Next to Michelle is maid of honor **Abby Koszarek Rideout '02**, and **Scott McDowell '01** (second from right) served as a groomsman. Many other UPS alumni helped the couple celebrate. Michelle and Ryan honeymooned in Thailand. They live outside of Portland.



Emily and **Casey Unverzagt '03** welcomed their first child (of hopefully many) to their family on March 5, 2007. Josiah Alden Unverzagt weighed in at 8 pounds and 6 ounces.



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Kate Sudar '04 and **Doug Sprague '05** were married on July 22, 2006, in Longview, Wash., on perhaps the hottest day of the year—the temperature reached 101 degrees at the time of the ceremony! **Vanessa Hyndman '05**, one of Kate's Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sisters, introduced Kate and Doug. Puget Sound alumni keeping their cool in the heat were from left: bridesmaid **Vanessa**, **Chris Myers '05**, **Kathleen Holmes**, **Tyler Roush '04**, **Mackenzie Strobel '04**, **Jennifer Workman Burkett '04**, the groom and bride, **Zoe Vinson '04**, **Logan Dancey '04**, **Lindsay Petersen '04**, groomsmen **Ian Courtpage '05**, **Tiffany Lordan '04**, **Katie DiRemigio '04**, and groomsmen **John Dugan '05**. Also in attendance, though not pictured, was **Mary Sudar Acker '83**. The newlyweds live outside of Chicago in Evanston, Ill., where Kate recently completed her M.Ed. at Northwestern University and is working as a fifth grade teacher. Doug is completing his Master of Divinity degree at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary while working as a high school youth director.

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Amy Temes '04 and **Tony Gilbert '04**, former Logger crew team members, competed in the 2006 Pacific Crest Triathlon in Bend, Ore., on June 23, 2006. Both had a great race—Amy placed second in her age group! She writes: "The race began with a 1.5K swim in Wickiup Lake, the ride was from the lake along the Cascade Lakes Highway (with a view of the Three Sisters) to Sunriver Resort, and then the 10K run was through Sunriver." Amy plans to participate in the triathlon again this year.



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Ian Foster '03 and **April Nelson '03** were married on June 17, 2006, on the bride's family farm in Farmington, Wash. Many UPS alumni and friends attended the festivities. Back row, from left: Professor Emerita of Chemistry **Anne Wood**, Professor Emerita of Biology **Terry Mace**, **Abbie Stevens Brown B.S. '03, M.A.T. '05**, **Holly Sato '03**, **Kate Eriksson '02**, the bride and groom, **Maegan Parker '03**, **Heather Gibb '03**, **Shelley Gordon '03**, **Lisa Raczkowski** (attended UPS in 1999), **Beth Taimi '03** and **Dusty Marcell Longie '03**. Front, from left: **Eric Fox '03**, **Peter Bell '04**, **Cyrus Brown B.S. '03, M.A.T. '06**, **Chris Rudolph '03**, **Brian Weiderman '02**, **Bjorn Eriksen** (attended UPS 1999–2001), **Dave Brooks '02**, and **Austin Peters '03**. The couple reside in Cambridge, Mass., where Ian is a fifth grade science teacher and April is a pediatric dental resident at Boston University.



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Mika Yasuo '06 is an organization and community assistant with the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan. She writes: "My primary assignment is to work in Shymkent City in the South Kazakhstan Region at a non-governmental organization called Sana Sezim. It has a variety of functions, including providing legal and psychological services to people who have problems with domestic violence, children's violence, gender inequality, human trafficking, and immigration. My experience has been unique because I am assisting at police trainings on identifying human trafficking from other Central Asian countries, and with human trafficking seminars for local middle-schoolers. I help my staff with human resource development, tutor English with my staff, and coordinate seminars for our NGO's volunteer club. I also contribute to our city's English movie and English conversation clubs. A friend that I graduated with from UPS is in the Teach for America program in Los Angeles. We're trying to coordinate an educator/Peace Corps volunteer correspondence program through Peace Corps' Coverdell World Wise Schools program." Mika is pictured, center, with local youth volunteers from her NGO on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, 2006.

In memoriam

On February 6 we lost **Bob Albertson '44**, Methodist minister, professor of religion, one of the founders of the UPS Honors Program and twice its director, creator of the Pacific Rim-Asia Study Travel Program, a Washington State Professor of the Year, and central star in a family galaxy that by our count numbers 34 Puget Sound alumni, ranging from the Class of '39 to the Class of '06. In the spring issue of *Arches* we asked readers for remembrances. We received far too many to print them all, but what follows is a heartfelt representation.

The reigning faculty 'eccentric'

One of the better measures of an educational institution is the number of eccentrics it is able to attract and is willing to nurture in its faculty. During the year in which I was president-elect at UPS, I was regaled regularly by older alumni with tales of eccentric teachers they had encountered at the CPS of their youth. Teach Jones, Professor Slater, Dr. Schelmedine, and others became familiar names to me. Hearing the stories about them, I decided that coming to Puget Sound was probably a wise choice. Then, in June, 1973, we arrived in Tacoma, and I had my first encounter with the reigning faculty eccentric—Bob Albertson. I knew I had made the right choice!

There is magic in teaching. It takes the form of what I call the Eureka Encounter. The Eureka Encounter is an intellectual explosion ignited in a student by seemingly ordinary contacts with a faculty member. The contacts may take any number of forms, all of them perfectly normal and routine. It may be a random comment, a class discussion of seemingly unremarkable ideas, or it may be simply the style of the faculty member. Whatever the cause, the seemingly simple incident hits the student profoundly, like a bolt out of the blue, and his or her perspective, and even life, is forever changed.

This really does happen. It is totally inexplicable; it is magical. It happens to some extent with all teachers and it happens with impressive regularity with great traditional teachers. It also happens with unusual frequency in the work of faculty eccentrics—those who are not wholly orthodox in their teaching style, in their personality, or who in other ways stand outside the traditional professorial mold.

I spent many hours reflecting on the reigning faculty eccentric that I had inherited. What made his teaching special? Why did so many—and often so many unlikely—students have Eureka Encounters with Bob Albertson? In

part, I became convinced, it was because he simply oozed love. I would watch him coming down a corridor with that beatific smile on his great oval face. He would encounter someone he knew. His eyes would light up with delight. He gave his attention entirely to that person with a totality that suggested this was the most important conversation of his day.

This was also how Bob taught. Students are a bundle of contradictions and nerves. They are simultaneously self-confident and frightened; assertive and anxious; above all they are insecure—about their abilities and their future. In Bob's love they found acceptance, and then powerful encouragement about their, to them, unknown capabilities. Through Bob's eyes the student saw a different, and better, person than she thought she was.

There was a second crucial aspect to Bob's teaching that produced those Eureka Encounters. Scientists believe the best way, maybe the only way, to learn science is to do science—in the laboratory. Bob had equally unshakeable convictions. He believed passionately that the best way to study the Asia he loved was literally to walk Asia.

It was the combination of these two traits in Bob's teaching that produced such an abundance of Eureka Encounters. I know of no student who experienced both the powerful concern of Bob's personality and the walk through Asia who did not return utterly changed—with new values, new career possibilities in mind, new and higher goals than they had ever before considered, and even, on occasion, a new personality.

In the 1970s it became the custom at most universities for students to call faculty members by their first names. Often the more insecure teachers sought to curry student favor by trying to become buddies with students. I noticed each year that upon returning from the year-long Pac Rim trip with Bob Albertson, students referred to him as DA. I was curious and once asked: "What does DA stand for?" assuming it was some



At a combo Pac Rim reunion and 70th birthday celebration for Bob in 1992.

informal, pet name grown out of the long year spent together. The answer was simple: "Dr. Albertson." What an incredible expression of respect! After walking across Asia in a small group for a year and living together under circumstances that most of us would consider primitive at best, the formality of respect persisted!

Finally, there was a third characteristic that made Bob our reigning eccentric. All eccentrics are imbued with passion; particularly passion about their own rightness. When I was a junior faculty member at Wellesley College, there was a biblical-like figure in the religion department. During faculty meetings when Fred rose to speak, he always looked heavenward, paused in silence for 10 seconds, and then

delivered to us lesser beings, the thoughts God had so obviously shared with Fred while we waited.

That was shameless eccentricity, and Bob would never have sunk to a trick of that nature. But Bob did know when he was right, and he used every means imaginable to get his way. He began by using sweet reason, his specialty. He used it copiously. If that failed, he moved on to gentle but dogged persistence, the careful marshaling of political forces, the regular revisiting of issues thought settled, and finally last-minute negotiating concessions. Above all, he used the diplomat's most potent technique—patience. He seldom lost! I loved watching the process. I admired



At Deep Creek in August 1956, with members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and friends. Rev. Albertson sitting, left.

my colleagues' endurance under Bob's gentle, loving persistence. The outcome, I believe, invariably strengthened the incredibly important program Bob had conceived. Without his passion, the passion of the eccentric, this never would have happened, and the University of Puget Sound would have been a different and much less significant institution, its Eureka quotient vastly reduced.

Bob was blessed in two ways. First of all, he was an Albertson, and that made a difference. The Albertsons are not simply a family; they are a clan, with all that word implies. I always had this vision of Bob—advancing on the world surrounded on three sides by the picket fence of his siblings, with Aileen in the lead, supporting him, inspiring him, protecting him. This Clan Power made a difference, an enormous difference, in Bob's life.

Now I am going to say something that may offend some feminists. I ask them to be gentle in their reaction. I believe women are capable of a special kind of love—a fierce, intense, tiger-like love. Lucky is the man who earns this powerful love. Bob Albertson was lucky indeed to earn this passion from Aileen. How else can one explain their relationship? What normal woman in her right mind and in fragile health would go plodding across Asia for a year with a collection of young people barely emerging from their teenage years? And then do it, not once, but year after year? Only someone deluded by a fierce, overwhelming lifelong love would do that. Yet, this was the fuel that fired Bob.

So, on behalf of Bob's colleagues at the university, I thank the Albertson clan, Aileen in particular, Marianne, and Rich-

ard, for the loving support that enabled Bob to be our reigning eccentric. Our students will never be the same because of your generosity.

— Phil Phibbs, president emeritus

Instigator of life-altering experiences

Long before the Pacific Rim program, I found myself, thanks to Bob Albertson, working for the United Mission to Nepal in a very primitive Kathmandu (1959-1962, before the arrival of the Peace Corps or hippies). Many a day, when things culturally and medically were almost overwhelming, I would blame him for telling me about the Methodist Board of Missions' three-year program. But also every day in those years I was thankful to him for being the initiator and inspiration that led me there, which had then and still is enriching my life.

— Winnie Sandberg-Woudstra '59

A pastor for nature

In the early 1950s, the growing congregation at Asbury Methodist Church in South Tacoma was holding its Sunday services at Pipers Funeral Home, a short distance from where a new church building was rising on the original site at 56th and South Puget Sound streets.

Rev. Albertson was pastor of Asbury from 1952 into 1956. He inherited an established congregation—some families tracing their Tacoma roots back to the 1890s.

Bob related well to all age groups, from the oldest members to the very youngest. He particularly connected well

with the teenage set, as he projected an older-brother persona.

His Sunday sermons might follow closely themes that his father, Cyrus Albertson, pastor of Seattle's First Methodist Church, frequently used in his own Sunday morning services heard over a Seattle radio station. Bob's sermons expressed a reverence for the natural world, intertwining Biblical text with personal observation, experience, and reflection. He often touched on things to which many parishioners could also relate; a personal relationship with the Lord as each goes about his or her daily life, interacting with family and friends, appreciating the beauty and bounty of God's natural world. He challenged his congregation "to walk hand in hand [with God] as good men surely do," to paraphrase a hymn most favorite to his father.

These were always welcome messages, especially for those who had lived through the war years, either in the military or as home-front workers. Bob, like many of his generation, was also a veteran, having experienced overseas duty, and he now attested to the preciousness of life through his well-prepared sermons.

As a junior- and senior-high school student and a member of Asbury's Methodist Youth Fellowship, I have many fond memories of church social activities, such as the summer and winter excursions to Deep Creek, the University

of Puget Sound's retreat in the Cascade Mountains on the road to Chinook Pass. During winter school breaks between Christmas and New Year, MYF members, friends, and pastor and family, as well as chaperons, took three- or four-day retreats to Deep Creek. At some time during our stay, we would arise before dawn from our comfortable cabin beds to drive Highway 410 toward the pass, often over newly fallen snow. Car lights would be temporarily turned off, the car moving slowly down the road with no other vehicles in sight. Other than the sound of tire chains thumping regular beats over packed snow, there was only stillness, and the whiteness of snow illuminating a wooded landscape was all that could be seen. At other times, short hikes along snow-covered roads and trails in the stillness of the night provided similar spiritual moments. Rev. Albertson was delivering his message, not from a sanctuary pulpit, but in God's realm.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, I had the good fortune of having now Professor Albertson as a teacher. As one of his students in Religion 101 on one Tuesday morning it became apparent that not many students had prepared their reading assignment nor were ready to discuss same. Professor Albertson expressed his displeasure and abruptly dismissed the class. The following Thursday it appeared that most, if not all, of the students came prepared; perhaps out of embarrassment



Bob officiated at the marriages of many alumni couples, and a number of them sent us photos, like this one from Kay Hermsted Taylor '70 and Rich Taylor '69 taken at their wedding on Aug. 15, 1970. Bob's daughter Marianne was a bridesmaid and high school classmate of Kay's in Tacoma.



Courtesy Betsy Sherpa

On Feb. 18, one week after Bob's memorial service on campus, eight Pac Rim alumni whose lives were forever changed by him gathered at the Palisade restaurant in Seattle to celebrate DA's influence on their lives. They were (from left) Paul Dieter '82, Meg Sands '82, Steve Lust '83, Nina Mitchell '83, Terry Sharrard '83, Betsy Allen Sherpa '82, Jim Kitchell '82, and Susan Ambrose Jackson '82. Betsy writes: "Representing a small fraction of the joy and wonderment left in the wake of one of the university's most unique and gifted faculty."

and shame for disappointing a teacher and friend who was held with such high regard and respect. — *David Owens '62*

Curfew? What Curfew?

One of my favorite memories of Bob Albertson was as one of two professors who taught Advanced Studies in Religion in the spring of 1965.

I was in that class the morning Bob announced *The Greatest Story Ever Told* was playing in Seattle. The trouble was, it was finals week, when women on campus had to be in their dorms by 10 p.m.

So what happened? It seems the dean of women, Mrs. Curran, got an invitation to come along with us that evening. Our class enjoyed the film, despite not returning until after 11 p.m. And the smile on Bob Albertson's face was worth a million words!

— *Martha Dalke Hindman '65*

Unshakable faith in us

My pilgrimage with Bob and Aileen began some 31 years ago, after a rather inauspicious start to my college career. I left UPS following my freshman year; I had struggled academically and was uncertain of the direction of my life.

A year later, out of the blue, I received a letter from Bob Albertson talking about a trip he and Aileen were taking to Asia.

That was the first I'd heard of the Pacific-Rim Asia Study-Travel program. Looking back on it, there's no doubt in my mind that Bob pulled strings to get me in the program, since I hadn't taken any of the prerequisites. To be honest, if I were to put myself in Bob's shoes, I don't think I would have gone out on that limb. But Bob had a soft spot for students who didn't always fit in, and I have been ever thankful that he bent over backwards for me.

I have come to learn that countless students had similar experiences with Bob—that he went out of his way for them, often in subtle ways that he never called attention to.

When I think about his impact on his students, several attributes stand out. They are lessons we learned from Bob:

Bob broadened our horizons and encouraged us to understand and respect other cultures. That's a far cry from the narrow focus that describes many in our country today.

Bob lived his religious convictions, but he had plenty of room in his heart to appreciate and value all faiths. It was never "my religion's better than your religion" with Bob Albertson.

Bob was a demanding teacher who encouraged critical thinking. There weren't any easy grades in Bob's class, and you knew you better be prepared for his class.

Bob was absolutely brilliant in terms of intellectual capability, but at the same time he was unfailingly humble. His focus was on you, not on himself.

Bob lived his life with passion and joy. He had a thirst for knowledge that we found inspiring and refreshing.

Bob and Aileen showed us what a great marriage could be—a real partnership between two people of different talents but with a shared purpose and a sense of devotion and commitment.

For Bob, teaching was a never-ending quest for new ways to engage students. He found creative ways to encourage and inspire us. Learning was an adventure, whether he was in the classroom at UPS or on a trek in Nepal.

This was particularly true with the Pacific Rim program, which he initiated, fought to develop, and nurtured for more than a decade. For me, the experience of learning in a classroom while absorbing the culture of the country was a life-changing experience. Along the journey Bob found ways for each individual to be successful—to share their talents. In my case, Bob discovered that I liked to sing, and as a result I ended up performing several times a month with the one song in my repertoire, "To Dream the Impossible Dream." I'm certain my classmates never want to hear that song again.

But the most important gift Bob gave to us was an abiding faith in his students, a faith that was unshakeable. He saw greatness in us that we couldn't even begin to imagine, and it didn't matter how many times you'd fallen short, he still believed in you. He never said it out loud, but you could tell he believed you would rise to the occasion. If he was discouraged, he rarely showed it.

Because of who he was and his belief in us, we found ourselves wanting to do our best for Bob. In his subtle, gentle manner, he inspired us to be better human beings. If you look at the lives of all of his students, you will see a common thread of tolerance, compassion, service to the community, and a global perspective.

Bob's extraordinary journey is over. He's prepared us well to make this world a better place. Now it's up to us to carry on. I know that Bob has unshakeable faith in our ability to make a difference.

I am grateful for having walked a few steps along the way with Bob Albertson. We will all miss his keen sense of humor, the twinkle in his eye, his humanity, and his wisdom. But he will be a part of our lives as long as we are on this earth.

— *Rufus Woods '80*

Ethelyn Lewellen Baker '33 passed away at age 95 on Feb. 17 in Tacoma. Lynn was passionate about music throughout her life. As a CPS student, she was a member of the Adelphian Concert Choir. After graduating from the University of Washington, she taught for three years in Brooklyn, Wash. Lynn was the choir director at the Browns Point United Methodist Church for 10 years. While living at the Narrows Glen Retirement Community, her residence for 15 years, she was active in their musical programs as well. She and her husband of 53 years, Joseph Baker '32, who preceded her in death, traveled extensively and took many Mediterranean cruises. Lynn was a member of the Women of Rotary. She is survived by two sons, Dixon Baker '61 and Brad Baker '64; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Edith Gustafson Scheyer '33 died in Tacoma on Feb. 9 at age 96. She graduated from Stadium High School. When her husband, Carl Scheyer '32, returned from serving in the military, Edith assisted him in his medical practice. Both were active with civic duties, including the Daffodil Festival. She was a longtime member of Mountain View Lutheran Church. Edith loved entertaining, gardening, knitting, reading poetry, playing bridge, and golfing. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1995; and by her son, Fred in 1994. Survivors include her daughter; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Betty Betz Johnson '39 passed away March 15 in Carmel, Calif., after suffering several strokes during the previous two years. She was 90. During her husband's military career, Betty traveled extensively and lived in Rome, Berlin, Heidelberg, New Delhi, and Washington, D.C. Betty played tennis into her 80s, and enjoyed tending her rose garden and entertaining close friends. Her husband, Charlie, preceded her in death. She is survived by two children; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Richard Lemagle '39 passed away Jan. 21 at age 89 following a short illness. After joining the Navy and receiving officer training, Dick entered the submarine service and received his Gold Dolphins on the USS S45 stationed in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Upon returning to Tacoma, he married Nevella Ross on June 1, 1945. He continued in the Navy Reserve, commanding the USS *Gurnard*. He retired in 1973. Dick then worked for Tacoma City Light in power management. Dick was a member of the Day Island Yacht Club

and could often be seen cruising Puget Sound, Canadian, and Alaskan waters with his wife. He is survived by his wife; two children; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Marie Gilsurap '40 died Jan. 23 at age 88. She was a 1936 graduate of Stadium High School. Throughout high school and college she was active in debate competitions. After graduating from CPS, she worked as a medical technologist for several years, then taught biological sciences at Highline Community College for more than 20 years. She authored a textbook in genetics, and she loved hiking and camping. Marie was a passionate pacifist and spent time serving as a relief worker in El Salvador. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Margaret. Survivors include her adopted daughter, Georgia; and her sister, Marilyn.

Fred Kelzer '40 passed away on April 5 of natural causes. He was 92. Fred graduated from Lincoln High School in 1933. In 1938 he began working for the Northern Pacific Railway. Later, when his father retired from Northern Pacific, Fred replaced him as yardmaster, becoming one of the youngest men to attain the position. He was instrumental in the founding of the Burlington-Northern West Credit Union, subsequently serving as its president for many years. Fred was passionate about aviation. He had his own airplane and, in 1948, developed

the City View Airport in Northeast Tacoma. He also enjoyed boating and was a member of the Viking Yacht Club, where he was elected commodore in 1983. Fred is survived by his wife of 67 years, Louise; three daughters; four grandsons; and seven great-grandchildren.

Walter Piper '41 died on Jan. 25 at age 92. Walt was drafted into the infantry and served in Africa, Italy, Austria, and Germany from 1943 to 1946. While he was attending CPS, Walt played football, baseball, and golf. After graduating with a degree in education, he spent a year teaching and coaching in Leavenworth, Wash., before returning to the Kelso-Longview, Wash., area. He taught math at Kelso High School and coached football, basketball, baseball, and track for 34 years. In 1972 he was named Kelso's athletic director. He retired in 1976. The reserved seats at the high school's field were named after him in 1991. Walt was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Martha. He is survived by three children; and two grandchildren.

Arliss Wilder Galvin '44 died on Feb. 17, just four days short of her 86th birthday. She graduated from Olympia High School in 1939 and married Knight Galvin in 1950. The couple made their home in Olympia, Wash. Arliss enjoyed showing Arabian horses. Along with animals, she enjoyed nature, collecting dolls and seashells, and traveling. Her husband;

two children; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren survive her.

Eugene Clevinger '45 passed away on Feb. 3 in Lakewood, Wash., where he had lived for 46 years. He was 84. Eugene was the owner and operator of Clevinger Truck Service for 50 years. Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline; his son, Bradley; as well as a brother, a sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Leon Meier '46 died on Feb. 21 at age 82. A native of Tacoma, he attended medical school at Tulane University in New Orleans, graduating in 1948. Leon then served his residency in San Francisco. He was a captain in the Medical Corps in the U.S. Army Reserve, 25th Division, and received a Bronze Star. Afterward, he returned to Hayward, Calif., to practice medicine. He delivered the first baby born at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward. In the 1960s he also worked at the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic. After his official retirement, he enjoyed working in Native American and other clinics throughout the United States. Leon was a founding member of the Shir Ami Temple in Castro Valley, Calif., and also was a member of Temple Sinai in Oakland. He enjoyed fishing, reading, and crossword puzzles. Leon is survived by his wife, Annette; four children; three stepchildren; six grandchildren; and one stepgrandson.

Robert Seabloom '46 passed away on Feb. 12 after a battle with cancer. He was

82. Bob served in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a lieutenant commander. He went on to complete his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering at the University of Washington. The remainder of his career was spent teaching civil and environmental engineering at UW. Bob enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling, skiing, and playing handball and tennis.

Ruth Arwood Brown '48 passed away at home on Feb. 20. She was 95. A lifelong resident of Tacoma, Ruth graduated from Stadium High School, where she received the American Association of University Women's Award, given to only one female graduate per year. She taught English and drama at Mason Middle School in Tacoma for 23 years. Ruth served as past president of the Tacoma retired teachers association and was a member of the Women's League of the University of Puget Sound and the Tacoma Republican Women's Club. Throughout her life she was active in the local garden club and various bridge groups. She is preceded in death by husbands Kermit Heggerness, Elwood Anderson, and Harry E. Brown '32. Survivors include her son, Larry Heggerness '60; two stepchildren; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Joe Lipera '50 died on Jan. 30 at age 84. While enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, Joe flew DC-3s between China and India. After graduating from CPS, he worked for the Food and Drug Administration as a food and fish inspector in Washington and Alaska. Beginning in 1960, he was an industrial hygienist for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, retiring in 1987. He loved golfing, fishing, and watching scary movies. Joe is survived by two sons; one grandson; and his friend, Mildred Levratto.

John "Bob" Oppenorth '50 died at age 82 on Feb. 6. Bob was a graduate of Stadium High School and attended the University of Washington prior to coming to Puget Sound. While attending CPS, Bob was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. During World War II, he served in France in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Upon discharge he worked for The Boeing Company for nine years. Afterward Bob worked for various contractors in the Richland, Wash., area as a nuclear process operator. He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and was a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Bob also delivered Meals on Wheels for more than 10 years. His



Arches recently learned of the death of Ione Fix Chase '33, who was featured in the spring 2004 issue in an article we called "A Simple Splendor." Over the course of decades, Ione and her husband, Emmott, turned their property in Orting, Wash., into a national showplace. Now a preservation project of The Garden Conservancy, it remains open for tours Fridays and Saturdays April through October. For more information, visit www.chasegarden.org.

Ione Fix Chase '33 passed away on April 2, 2006, at age 97. After marrying her high school sweetheart, T. Emmott Chase, in 1932, she made her home with him in Electron, Wash. They moved to the Orting/Graham, Wash., area in 1959, where they had purchased 14 acres in 1943. They later sold half of the land to a friend. After consulting with a Tacoma architect, the two worked to build a home there, doing much of the work themselves. Ione built the fireplace in their house from river rock she collected and hauled. They also did the landscaping themselves, creating what is now The Chase Garden, a four-and-a-half acre garden that has been named one of "America's Ten Most Beautiful Gardens" by *Homestyle* magazine. It has also been featured in *Martha Stewart Living* and *Pacific Horticulture*. Ione is survived by her husband of 74 years; three nieces; and two nephews.

interests included reading, crossword puzzles, aviation, fishing, and playing cards. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia; six children, including Mary Oppenorth JD '77; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Paul Barber '51 passed away on Feb. 18 in McMinnville, Ore. He was 82. Paul was a 1941 graduate of Stadium High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. During a furlough to Nice, France, in 1945 he met his wife, Juliette Denane. After completing his degree in forestry at the University of Washington, the couple moved to McMinnville, where he served on the McMinnville Water and Light Commission for 10 years. In 1986 he started CGC Tree Farm. In 1990 Paul and his wife donated a 5,000 square-foot building to the county that now houses Juliette's House Child Abuse and Assessment Center. He also donated 4- and 7-acre parcels to the City of McMinnville for parks. As a result of his commitment to the community, he was named First Citizen-Man of the Year in 1997 by the McMinnville Jaycees. Paul was a member of the Michelbook Country Club, the McMinnville Elks, and was a charter member of Western Hardwood Association and Oregon Community Association. He was preceded in death by Juliette. Paul is survived by his wife, Maxine; three children; seven stepchildren; 22 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Roger Grummel '51 died at age 77 on April 8 in Portland, Ore. After graduating with honors from CPS, he attended medical school at the Oregon Health and Science University, graduating in 1954 with Alpha Omega Alpha honors. Roger was a founding member of the Longview Surgical Group, where he practiced from 1962 until his retirement in 1997. He loved tennis, photography, and travel. Survivors are his wife of more than 50 years, Julia Snyder Grummel '54; seven children; and 16 grandchildren.

Jane Steehler Kimes '58 passed away on April 9 at age 71. During high school Jane was active in The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. After earning her degree in occupational therapy, Jane worked as a therapist at the Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle. She volunteered extensively for organizations such as the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, Camp Fire USA, Seattle's Southeast Senior Center, and the Children's Home Society of Washington, where she was awarded a distinguished service citation. Jane enjoyed crafts, needlework, and traveling with her hus-

band. Jane is survived by her husband of 44 years, Lucas; five children; and eight grandchildren.

Salli Harris Mitchell '58 died on her 71st birthday, March 25, after fighting cancer for eight years. After graduating from Stadium High School, Salli attended the University of Washington for one year, joining the Phi Mu Sorority, which recently recognized her as a 50-year member. While attending CPS, she met her husband, Bob Mitchell '58. Salli taught for 49 years, working in the University Place, Wash., school district for 40 years. She then taught at St. Mary's Episcopal School in Lakewood, Wash., where she was employed into the current school year. Salli received a PTA Golden Acorn Award while at Narrows View Intermediate School. She and her husband owned Bob's Pier and the Huntsman restaurants. Salli was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by three children; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

William Moylan B.A. '58, M.Ed. '62 died at age 79 on Dec. 6, 2006, following a short illness. Bill served in the Merchant Marines and in the U.S. Navy prior to coming to CPS. Following his graduation, he taught in the Seattle school district, both at John Marshall Alternative and Roosevelt High Schools. While he was known to be a tough teacher, many students sought him out. Bill received many letters from former students, thanking him. His summers were spent commercial fishing in Alaska. Bill loved to travel, especially by train. He explored Turkey, Europe, and the United States. Survivors include his sister; and many nieces and nephews.

Jean Schenk M.Ed. '63 passed away at home on Feb. 4. She was 86. Jean was born and raised in Tacoma's North End, graduating from Stadium High School. She was a registered nurse and nursing instructor at Tacoma General Hospital. Jean's lifelong passion was the peaceful life she enjoyed at her Salmon Beach cabin, where she lived for more than 60 years. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Mary Ann Harvey and Janet Hughes. Survivors include her two brothers; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Orlando Ruggiero '64 died on Feb. 25 after a sudden illness. He was 88. Orlando was a career military officer, retiring as a major in the U.S. Army. During his time in service he earned a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, and two Silver Stars. After graduating from UPS he had a success-

ful career in commercial real estate and property management. He was a member of the Tacoma Athletic Commission, the Tacoma Elks, and the Fort Lewis Officer's Club, and was a founding member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Barbara. Orlando is survived by four children; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Ron Cole '65 died on Nov. 20, 2006, in Tacoma from complications following open-heart surgery. He was 63. Ron was a 1960 graduate of Clover Park High School in Lakewood, Wash. During the Vietnam War, Ron was a B-52 co-pilot, flying more than 300 missions. He was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses. Ron worked in commercial mortgage banking, and in retirement split his time between Port Orchard, Wash., and Good-year, Ariz. He loved to golf, ski, travel, and spend time with friends and family. Ron is survived by his wife of 41 years, Nancy Lewis Cole '67; two daughters; and two granddaughters.

Betty Perry Fox '69 passed away on Feb. 10 at age 83. She was valedictorian at both Stadium High School in 1941 and Reed College in 1945. She later attended UPS to become a math and computer programming teacher, working at Jason Lee Middle School, Mason Middle School, and Bellarmine Preparatory School. Betty was active as a leader in her church and volunteered with organizations such as the FISH Food Bank and the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Purdy. She is survived by her husband of nearly 61 years, Tim; five children; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Neil McConaghy '73 died at home on Day Island, Wash., on Feb. 2. He was 57. Neil was an avid sailor and spent each summer cruising the San Juan Islands and Canadian waters. He was a fixture at the Tacoma Yacht Club for most of his life. Neil's passion for sailboat racing led him to skipper several winning boats. Sailing took him across the U.S., Spain, and The Bahamas. He also ran his own yacht brokerage for more than 20 years. Neil was preceded in death by his son. Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Tris; and his daughter, Kathleen.

Marian Petronech O'Brien '73 passed away March 13 at her home. She was 60. Marian graduated from The University of Montana and from the school of occupational therapy at UPS. She was an occupational therapist for 35 years, the last 15 of which were spent at the mental

health unit of Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, Calif. She is survived by her husband, Gene Sajcich; her mother; her brother; and two nieces.

Barbara Benson Tollefson '75 passed away peacefully on March 20, one week prior to her 55th birthday. Barb left teaching to raise her three children. During that time she volunteered many hours at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, later becoming president of The Zoo Society. She also served as vice principal of Lakes High School in Lakewood, Wash. She loved reading, running, and golfing. Survivors include her mother, Ruth Benson; her husband, Marc; and three children.

Abigail Holman '84 died April 7 in a skiing accident at the Sugarloaf ski resort in Maine, during a charity event. She was 45. She grew up in Maine and enjoyed snow and water-skiing, skating, boating, and exploring the woods. Abby taught history at Oak Hill High School in Wales, Maine, then attended the University of Maine School of Law, graduating in 1991. Her legal career began as a law clerk to Gov. John McKernan. In 1998 she married Andrew Weegar. Their daughter, Molly, was born in 1999. Andrew was killed in April 2005 in a farming accident. Afterward, Abby stopped working to focus on her daughter. During this time she decided to run for the state of Maine House of Representatives and was serving her first term at the time of her death. Abby was engaged to Jeffrey Timm, with plans to marry in June. Survivors include her daughter, Molly; her parents; five siblings; and several nieces and nephews.

Lisa Pond '89 died Feb. 19 of a brain aneurysm while vacationing with her family in Florida. She was 38. In 1992 Lisa and her partner, Janice Langbehn '90, became foster parents for the state of Washington. Together, they adopted four children. Lisa was active in all aspects of her children's lives, from volunteering in their classrooms and attending all of their athletic events to leading Danielle and Katie's Girl Scout troop of more than 30 girls for the past seven years. She was a social worker for Washington's Department of Social and Health Services until the fall of 2006, when she began work on her master's degree in teaching. At the time of her death, Lisa was working in a special education class at Woodland Elementary School in Lacey, Wash. She is survived by her parents, Donald and Nettie Pond; her partner of 17 years, Janice; their four children; and many other family members and friends.

Events: Twin Cities Get-Together

Submitted by Michael Tierney '95, Alumni Council Executive Committee member

On April 11, a group of Puget Sound Loggers and baseball fans cheered on the Minnesota Twins as they took on the New York Yankees. There is a dome in Minneapolis, which is a very good thing because otherwise the outing would have been cold and wet. Temperatures were in the 30s, with snow! The outing was sponsored by university Trustee Bob Pohlad P'07 and the alumni office. The purpose was for UPS people in Minneapolis to meet and to learn about the new Alumni Council Executive Committee. It was also an opportunity to meet new Director of Alumni Relations Allison Cannady-Smith and Vice President for University Relations Dave Beers.



With parents and guests of alumni, the group totaled more than 70!

Pictured, in no particular order, some of the Loggers on hand to watch the Twins and Yankees: Herman Westreich '92, Michael Tierney '95, Peter Thompson '81, Amelia Sattler '05, Erin Carlson '04, Kyle Eidsness '06, Patty Norby '81, David Gibson '05, Ryan Coon '06, Paul Kelley '01, Sam Bennett '04, Erin McGillivray '02, and Joy Lawrence '00.

Alumni and parents calendar

Alumni
Homecoming 2007
October 12-14
On campus

Parents
Fall Family Weekend
November 9-10
On campus

To find out more about these and other alumni and parent events, or to register, go to www.ups.edu/alumni and click on the "Alumni Events" or "Parent Events" tab, or call the alumni and parent relations office at 253-879-3245 or 800-339-3312.

New Alumni Council is your representative with the university

Big news for alumni! After an exciting year of discussion and planning, the National Alumni Board has become the Alumni Council Executive Committee, overseeing the broader Alumni Council—a restructured and re-energized alumni network.

After an expected warm-up phase, during which a broad range of new committees have been created and refined, there are now many opportunities to get involved, especially as a volunteer for your class. Some key roles include: helping plan class activities, serving on the alumni council as a class representative, and helping classmates stay in touch through *Arches* and the Web.

The Alumni Council will also continue to build regional clubs in cities across the country where significant numbers of Puget Sound alumni live. Regional Club volunteers assist with planning and implementing alumni and parent programming in their area (see "Twin Cities," above); provide valuable "on-the-ground" expertise for students and alumni new to their city; and maintain regional club Web pages and other communication vehicles. Events in the works include faculty presentations, social and networking activities, and eventual Puget Sound on the Road programs with faculty and students.

The Alumni Council welcomes your help in strengthening relationships between existing groups (such as the ASK Network, Logger Club, and alumni Greek organizations), campus life, and future segments of the Alumni Association. Please go to www.ups.edu/volunteerinterestsurvey.xml to let us know how you would like to become involved!

Alumni Council Distinguished Alumni Awards To Be Presented Homecoming Weekend 2007

Call for Nominations

Help us honor Puget Sound's best during Homecoming Weekend 2007! Nominate a distinguished Logger for the university's top alumni honors:

Alumni Service Award — Presented to a Logger whose long-standing contributions and leadership have profoundly impacted the lives of Puget Sound students, faculty, or alumni.

Professional Achievement Award — Celebrates an alumnus/a who embodies the Puget Sound mission and whose professional accomplishments have earned regional, national, or international recognition that has reflected positively on the University of Puget Sound.

Community Service Award — Presented to a Logger whose volunteer leadership in human services, the arts, recreation, or education has had a direct and profound impact on his or her community and beyond.

Nominations should be submitted to the Puget Sound Alumni Council by August 1. Forms are available online at www.ups.edu/alumni. Letters of nomination (with nominee's full name and class year), along with supporting résumé, curriculum vitae, or other material, can also be mailed to:

Ann Stevens, Chair, Alumni Council Alumni Awards and Nominating Committee
c/o Office of Alumni and Parent Relations
1500 North Warner, #1078
Tacoma, WA 98416
or e-mail acec@ups.edu

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BEFORE When Robert Chamberlain, Jamie Jeffers, and Drew Cameron graduated from West Valley High in Fairbanks, Alaska, in 2003, the three classmates got together to spell out, Village People style, the initials of the college they all were bound for later that summer.



AFTER Four years later, on May 13, the three were at it again—looking more erudite but still good at holding odd postures—this time as UPS graduates.




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